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MARCONI SALVO OVER FRACAS

THE SHOW MUST GO ON

The ASF this week rejected a request from Rudi Gutendorf to postpone the weekend matches involving Sydney City, Heidelberg and Marconi.

Gutendorf asked for the cancellation to avoid injuries to the various Socceroo players.

The ASF replied that this was not possible because the clubs would have been entitled to heavy financial compensation for loss of revenue.

Also, this would have created a precedent, probably leading to scores of similar postponements during 1981 World Cup campaign.

Another request from Marconi to have their match against Heidelberg cancelled because of the "fatigue" of their Socceroo players was also rejected.

Marconi reportedly argued that several of their stars were in a slump because of the rigors of last week's training camp.

In fact, they have been in a slump for many weeks now.

Marconi have lodged a stiff protest with the Philips League about their "reception" last Sunday at Pratten Park.

Club secretary Milorad Urukalo said they will demand an investigation into the staging of the match.

"It started to go wrong before the game when Olympic officials refused to let our team bus into the ground though there was plenty of room.

"Although we arrived together and all our players were in uniform, they had to queue up with other spectators to gain admission.

"Our Supporters Club members also arrived together and Olympic officials didn't want to

let them in with their drums, trumpets and rattlers without another huge argument."

After the match, Urukalo said, things got worse. "One spectator jumped over the fence and hit Henderson in the face.

It looked like a very ugly situation developing and I told the Olympic officials that we wouldn't leave without police protection.

"First they brushed me off, then somehow got four policemen.

"I hate to think what could happen at Pratten

Park to teams who actually win there if that's what goes on when Olympic win.

"I must say Tommy Docherty was just about the only one who was

helpful and showed commonsense and courtesy during these scenes.

"It's clear that Olympic officials have a lot to learn about match staging procedures.

"Pity this isn't one of the criteria for admission to the Philips League," Urukalo added.

LAMENT

England manager Ron Greenwood, a mild-mannered, usually reserved fellow, refuses to accept all the blame for England's indifferent results.

For the forthcoming World Cup matches, Greenwood is likely to recall some of his veterans — see page 2.

CLASH

The weekend PSL round goes ahead as scheduled, despite several bids to have matches called off for rather strange reasons.

Full PSL preview and pics on page 3, tables on page 4, weekend program on page 5 and our exclusive, detailed, visual match reports from last weekend on pages 6-7.

UPSET

Do we have an Aston Villa in our midst? Or was Sutherland's Ampol Cup triumph over the marauding Arok Huns just a super-flash in the pan?

Read a full Ampol Cup review on page 10 and the Kapitanovic epic on 11.

NAMES

It's hard to believe it but it's true: an Australian club is campaigning for the retention or even restoration of ethnic names.

Does it make sense? Or should we stick to the slick new club names which may appeal to a public not interested in soccer?

Is that the most pressing problem in our soccer — or should the clubs have a free choice in the matter?

Pressbox, controversial as ever — on page 12.



Tommy Docherty — helpful.

CUP FINAL NEXT WEEK

The final of the Ampol Cup will be played at 8pm on Wednesday week (April 22).

Originally it was set down for this week.

However, because of Easter the late shopping this week was brought forward to Wednesday night, and the Federation decided to stage the Cup final a week later.

South Melbourne goalie
Peter Laumets in action
against Leichhardt.



GREENWOOD LAMENTS LACK OF SKILL IN ENGLAND

London — A fresh dose of the old medicine. That is all Ron Greenwood can offer the long-suffering public as he tries to put English international soccer back on its feet.

The England manager has no alternative.

We screamed for new faces, fresh names. He gave them to us against Spain at Wembley.

But the truth is that with the notable exception of Glenn Hoddle, they failed to deliver.

So when World Cup hostilities are resumed against Rumania next month, expect to see Dave Watson, Phil Thompson, Mick Mills, Steve Coppell, Ray Wilkins and maybe Tony Woodcock.

Expect a team similar to the one that failed in the European Championship in Italy last summer.

The England manager faces the same problem that beset Alf Ramsey in the last period of his tenure and Don Revie.

It is that the insular outlook and the structure of the Football League prevents us from producing players of a sufficient technical ability to match the Continentals.

Greenwood can be excused the defensive plea: "Spain played the kind of football I have always been chastised for preaching in this country. But we have got to do more of it."

"But I insist that you cannot ask players at international level to do things that are not their habit at club level."

"When you look ahead to whether we can be successful in the World Cup, you have to say that on the day there is no one better in terms of attitude and character than us."

"The philosophies of play abroad are different. Sometimes they catch us out and sometimes they don't. Nine times out of ten our qualities will get us through."

"But if you get a side who have learned our attitude and character and combined it with their technique then you find you face a handful."

"How much nicer it would be if we learned from them like they have learned from us."

Perhaps Greenwood is right to insist that the answer is not a wholesale introduction of new faces.

"I watch all our representative games at all levels and I know who is ready and who is not."

"A lot of players are not devoid of problems, either in a playing or personal sense and often to pitch them in would destroy them. You have to be patient and wait for the right time."

England ought to revert to the use of at least one, possibly two, wingers. But as Greenwood says: "It would be nice if there was a whole crop of them."

He was hard put to name three promising flank men.

With either side might open the opposition penalty area, where England's strikers have continuing problems against tight marking.

But our lack of inventiveness against unfamiliar patterns of play continues our biggest bugbear and Greenwood may be right to pick again his most experienced men to make sure we get to Spain next summer.



Ron Greenwood

What happens then England's perplexed and will tax even the experienced brain of — Steve Curry

NZ GAME ON ABC

Good news for soccer fans throughout Australia: the ABC will televise 'live' the World Cup match against New Zealand on April 25, from Auckland.

Originally Channel 9-28 was supposed to cover the match but this week agreed to pass on the rights to the ABC.

Had it been 9-28 televising the game, it would have been seen only in Sydney and Melbourne.

As it is, the match will be shown in all states.

Goalie accuses Yugo referees

Yugoslavia's national goalkeeper Pantelic has caused a sensation with his serious accusations in a Zagreb newspaper, the "Sportske Novosti."

Pantelic told a reporter that many Yugoslav referees were taking bribes to shape the results of matches.

He also suggested that the Yugoslav Federation conduct an investigation into the origin of the wealth of some referees.

Instead of accepting the suggestion, the Yugoslav FA has issued a writ against Pantelic on charges of libel.

Still, where there's smoke, there's some fire....

Red Star and Dinamo Zagreb have announced that in future they refuse to play under referee Marian Raus — a FIFA referee.

Only recently the Referees' Association banned, for various terms, several referees and linesmen for "poor displays."

Even Yugoslavia's best known FIFA referee, Dusan Maksimovic, is under such a suspension.

So Pantelic could have a point....

EURO-CUPS

Bayern Munchen, with a superbly organized defence, held out for a 0-0 draw in Liverpool in the first leg of their European Champions' Cup semifinal.

The West Germans are now favored to win the return match in Munich next week and advance to the final, played in Paris at the end of May.

In the other semifinal Real Madrid beat Inter Milan 2-0 in Madrid.

It looks doubtful whether the Italians can peg back this deficit in Milan.

Results: Champions' Cup: Liverpool v Bayern Munchen 0-0, Real Madrid v Inter Milan 2-0.

Cup winners' Cup: Dinamo Tbilisi v Feyenoord 3-0, Carl Zeiss Jena v Benfica 2-0.

UEFA Cup: Sochaux v AZ Alkmaar 1-1, Ipswich v FC Koln 1-0.

All return matches on Wednesday, April 22.



Tony Woodcock, darling of Cologne.

West Ham boss irate

West Ham boss John Lyall is set for a vigorous fight to defend his name.

Lyall stands accused by the Football Association of "insulting behaviour" because of a clash with referee Clive Thomas after the Wembley League Cup final.

He intends to ask for a personal hearing.

Thomas alleges that Lyall called him a cheat after Liverpool nearly took the Cup with a disputed goal.

But Lyall denies this. "I feel I must ask for a personal hearing and defend myself."

"The words I actually used to Clive Thomas were: 'We feel we were cheated'...."

"I must set the record straight."

But Lyall made no objections to Thomas handling the replayed final at Villa Park last week and had no complaints after Liverpool won 2-1.

TELE GETS HIS WAY

Brazil's manager Tele Santana has decided to stay at his post until December 1982.

As an inducement, the Brazilian FA has increased his salary to \$10,000 a month and has lent him money to build a new house.

Brazil will tour Europe next month, meeting England, West Germany, France and Belgium.

RACKET ALLEGED BY SPANISH BOSS

Spain's football bosses preparing to host next year's World Cup face amazing allegations of corruption from the president of the League leaders, Atletico of Madrid.

After Atletico's shock home defeat by lowly Zaragoza, Dr. Alfonso Cabeza said that the head of the Spanish referees' federation "won't sleep easy tonight. It has been a robbery."

"I'm going to unmask all the Pharisees and hypocrites in Spanish football."

"For me there are black hands behind all this, and I am deter-

mined to bring all the filth to light."

Dr. Cabeza made his accusations on TV, radio and to the Press after a riot situation built up as the Zaragoza defeat almost certainly cost Atletico the championship.

Two Atletico men were sent off, a third was injured, the crowd wrecked barriers and were driven back by riot police and a linesman was hit and hurt by a missile.

Spanish football chiefs will have to decide whether the president's allegations have any foundation, or to punish him for an unsubstantiated outburst.

BRIEFLY...

• Manchester United and manager Dave Sexton are likely to part. The Old Trafford club is known to be interested in Lawrie McMenemy of Southampton and Bobby Robson of Ipswich as possible successors.

• Ipswich's brilliant Scot, Alan Brazil, once played in one of the junior teams of Celtic Glasgow and in one season scored 62 goals — yet manager Jock Stein let him go to England.

• Former brilliant Poland goalie Jan Tomaszewski, now with Beerschot in Belgium, will soon sign for an American club.

• Ian Callaghan, the former England and Liverpool ace who in 1979 guested for Canberra City, has signed for the small Norwegian club Sandesjord.

• Danny Blanchflower, former Irish and Tottenham great about Ipswich: "They are a decent club with a decent manager and a decent board of directors and there aren't many decent people left in the game. Good people deserve some reward."

• Denis Law: "Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren of Ipswich are the two best players in the English League."

• Notts County manager Jim Sirrel about his team's promotion prospects: "We're like Lady Di. She's not the Queen yet. She's not even married. But, like us, she's nicely placed."

• Disciplinary problems with Cosmos: last season it was Neeskens who got suspended for vanishing for a week, now it's Carlos Alberto who decided to spend eight "exciting days" in Rio during the Carnival — without the club's permission.

• When West Germany beat Albania 2-0 last week in a World Cup match, it was their third game there ever, following a 0-0 in 1967 and a 1-0 win in 1971.

• Different countries, different systems. In West Germany, the home team keeps all the gate takings; in Italy, the visiting club gets 22 percent of their share. To overcome this "loss", Italian clubs sell season tickets from which no percentage has to be paid...

• Reformed alcoholic and ex-England star Jimmy Greaves, now 41, has become a grandfather.

• Israeli international fullback Avi Cohen is likely to leave Liverpool at the end of the season and play in the German Bundesliga — probably with Bayern Munchen.

• Wim Jensen, former Dutch international: "I don't want to play for Holland again for a very simple reason — I'm no longer good enough."

• In a recent friendly match, Gerd Mueller, the former West German sharpshooter, scored seven of Fort Lauderdale's 10 goals. ("Former" sharpshooter???)

• Recently, against Real Madrid, Barcelona lined up with the unique 4-5-1 formation — five in midfield and a lone striker. It didn't work: they lost 3-0.

• Fernando Castro, Deportivo Cali's Colombian international, has been banned for life for hitting a referee.

• The brother of Spanish star Quini, who was recently held by terrorists for ransom, then suddenly released: "My brother isn't interested in politics: he wouldn't even know the name of a single Minister."

• Joe Jordan has asked Manchester United for a new contract and "improved" conditions — \$2,400 a week.

• Those Australian colleagues who write off Argentina's chances in the October World Youth Cup may yet eat their words... Although the team has completely changed since the 1979 Tokyo finals (as all players got over age), their new team has seven players with first division experience and two — Cecchi and Debole — have made substitute appearances with Menotti's senior team.



MARCONI'S RECOVERY CHANCE

It will be a minor miracle if the PSL round is played without mutilation.

Rudi Gutendorf wanted to have two or three matches cancelled to safeguard his Socceroos against injuries and Marconi applied to have their game postponed because of the "excessive fatigue" of their players.

Frankly, this type of nonsense can push our showcase league to the verge of mockery.

Nowhere else in the world — certainly not in Rudi's native Germany — would they even dare produce such a suggestion just because an international is played a week later.

As for Britain, the international teams of England, Scotland and the others are lucky to meet two days before the match, having fulfilled their club commitments.

So, assuming the round goes ahead as scheduled, who will have a happy Easter?

Sydney City, licking their wounds after their shock defeat against Footscray, will have to show much more bite

against the superbly organised Lions to score a win.

The Slickers may be without the injured Boden and that would be a major blow to their chances.

Bennett, Hermiston and Niven form a fearsome defensive wall for the Lions and the Slickers can get through only if they add a dash of spice to their powder-puff style.

Our tip: 1-1. Olympic, after their brilliant win over Marconi, now go for a repeat dose against Westad.

Propelled by the dynamic midfield pair of Raskopoulos and Katholos, the Olympic attack can be a handful for all defences especially as Roy Cotton is keen to prove his worth to his new club.

Westad hope that Boyle will be fit to play, following an injury — and also hope that their new signing, Scottish winger Jimmy Wright — surely well known to Tommy Docherty — will give another sparkling display.

This could be quite a match to see — and we're inclined to tip (as

we did last week, against all odds) —

Olympic to win 2-1.

Marconi have a terrible dilemma: the pressure is on coach Bianco to drop one or two of his celebrated Socceroos, Sharne and Krncevic — on the eve of our World Cup match.

Whether he will carry out his threat and field some youngsters in their place remains to be seen.

Housseini will miss the match through suspension but Piccioane will be back from his.

Heidelberg are like a pianist trying to play from memory, having lost his music notes.

Even an average Marconi could now take them apart — but Marconi, too, are having the horrors.

Our tip: 1-1. Brisbane City could make amends for their loss in the local derby against a hapless Blacktown.

If the Brisbane team can convert their chances and keep playing a bright, attacking stuff, they have every chance of succeeding.

Blacktown may have Djordjevic back for the

game — and his presence could make quite a difference.

One thing is sure: Rale Rasic will take steps not to concede five goals again this season.

Still, the home ground advantage points towards a Brisbane win —

Our tip: Brisbane City 2-1.

What a superb match this may turn into: the in-form Adelaide City against the rejuvenated Newcastle.

Both scored big, four-goal wins last week though Addcity did it away from home, a mighty effort.

With Johnny Perin orchestrating his talented team from the sweeper's position, Addcity could have too much flair for their opponents.

Newcastle will be more defensive than in their home games: Mitchell and Nyskohus have to be watched carefully.

If Addcity clicks, not many teams can stop them.

Our tip: Adelaide City 2-0.

Canberra's greatest danger is complacency: having a marvellous run and pushing close to the top, they might make the mistake of underestimating the skilful Footscray and pay the price.

Canberra will be without Kiwi internationals Wilson and

Cole but in Hoszowski and new chums Gibson or Purdie they have adequate replacements.

Footscray are extremely vulnerable in their interstate matches and need much more steel to pinch a point or two.

It would be an enormous surprise if they managed this at Bruce Stadium.

Our tip: Canberra 3-1.

Both Melbourne games will see interstate visitors. Preston, having slumped after a bright start, will have problems with a competent and solid Leichhardt.

If the Giampaolo-O'Connor wing pair of Leichhardt plays anywhere near their peak, they should collect the points.

South Melbourne, well organised and extremely talented, may hand out Wollongong's first defeat of the season.

The clash of the last two unbeaten sides should produce many thrills but perhaps few goals.

It will be a case of the tough Wolves backline stemming the South Melbourne tide where the gifted, tall strikers Buljevic and Cummings and the bustling, lurking Evans pose a constant threat.

Our tips: Leichhardt to win 2-1 and South Melbourne to win 1-0.



We want you to have the best

PHILIPS



Tony Morsello leaving the field with his hand in an ice pack last Sunday.



Phil O'Connor (left) and Bertie Lutton in action.

CONGRATULATIONS TO —

Arthur McMillan of Heidelberg for having played his 100th PSL game last weekend.

ATTI FOR LIVERPOOL!

Liverpool is interested in Attila Abonyi and Doug Utjesenovic.

Well, not THE Liverpool of Bob Paisley but Liverpool City, of the NSW 6th division.

This week the enterprising little club came to terms with Abonyi who will play about eight matches for them on weekends when his club, Riverwood, has a free day.

Actually, Abonyi's debut will be on Sunday and it should get quite a stir out Liverpool's way. Utjesenovic is also keen to resume playing and is hopeful that St. George will give him a free clearance.

Now the owner of a milk run, Utjesenovic hasn't put any weight on since last season and is "itching to play" again — anywhere, he says.

Two former internationals, two of the most skilful players ever

to play for Australia, in 6th division, as amateurs.

Well, it's not amazing at all. They simply love soccer.



SLUMPERS IN SQUAD

Marconi's Musketeers — Jankovics, Sharne and Krncevic — have all been included in Gutendorf's official World Cup squad — though at least two may be axed for their club's Sunday game because of consistently poor form.

At the same time, Gutendorf has dropped, once again — for one bad game — the skilful Giampaolo.

This is the squad from which Gutendorf will select the 16 players to go to New Zealand, to be announced on Thursday: 1. Maher, 2. Perry, 3.

Tansey, 4. Henderson, 5. Barnes, 6. Blair, 7. Sharne, 8. Davidson, 9. Kosmina, 10. Boden, 11. Jankovics, 12. Rogers, 13. Yzendoom, 14. Krncevic, 15. Cole, 16. Katholos, 17. Hogg, 18. Niven, 19. Senkalski, 20. Watson, 21. Woodhouse, 22. Crook.

TOP PSL SCORERS

6: BODEN (Sydney City)
5: OLLERTON (Preston)
4: EVANS (Sth. Melb.)
MITCHELL (Addcity)
O'CONNOR (Leichhardt)
VALERI (Canberra)
3: CHRISTOPOULOS (Sth. Melb.)

CUK (Blacktown)
CULLEN (Preston)
PATON (H'berg)
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16 FOOTSCRAY	9	2	1	6	7	16	-9	5		5	2	1	2	6	6	5	4	—	—	4	1	10	—		

TEAM OF ROUND 8

MILNE (Footscray)	BENNETT (Lions)	DANDO (Newcastle)	PERIN (Adcity)	PALMER (Olympic)
GAFFNEY (Brisb. City)	HONEYMAN (Westad)		KATHOLOS (Olympic)	
WRIGHT (Westad)	MITCHELL (Adcity)		O'CONNOR (Leichhardt)	

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

• Adelaide City's Bob D'Ottavi: "I'm delighted that at last we converted the chances we created. In recent weeks we missed the presence and influence of Perin Marocchi and Nyskohus through injury. With a full team, we are really showing

pelvic bone problem — has cleared up.

playing this weekend.

• Mark Pullen will miss Sunday's game for Leichhardt, having reached 12 penalty points. David Watt will take his place.

• Billy Birch, Westad: "We should have got both points but I'm sure we would have killed them if Boyle had stayed on and if either Manecas or Pillians had been fit to play."

• Willie Wallace, Leichhardt: "I wasn't unhappy with the result. We still have problems in the mid-field."

• Ken Morton, Wollongong: "We were rubbish. Our midfield was non-existent. We can't be satisfied with these single points, as we came to get two."

• John Margaritis, South Melbourne: "We play 20th century football — modern, organised, attractive. We won't lose a match at home this year, I promise."

• Wollongong took a gamble by going to Adelaide with only one goalkeeper. Jim Preston was sidelined with an injury and youth team custodian Ashley Cooper had been concussed in a previous game.

• Sebastian Giam-paolo, Leichhardt: "After last week's very hard Soccerroo training camp, I felt tired. I hope this week it will be lighter or we'll all collapse in a heap."

• Kiwi international Clive Campbell was a shock omission from the Wolves starting team last Sunday in Adelaide. It appears Campbell is in dispute with the club and could stay in New Zealand after the World Cup clash with Australia on Anzac Day.

• Referee Doug Rennie almost booked Adelaide City's David Jones twice, until somebody pointed this out to him; then he had no choice but send him off.

• George Murray, Canberra: "We demonstrated enough to deserve at least a half-time lead, even though Heidelberg did take over some of the second half."

• Tommy Docherty, Olympic: "I am delighted with the win. The last 10 minutes was rough-house and then the incidents off the field took some of the gloss of the match."

• Alan Vest, Newcastle: "How can I be anything but happy seeing four goals scored, all for us."

• Undoubtedly the best PSL result service is provided at Lambert Park where progress scores are given from all matches several times — on an excellent PA system.

• Former England and Leeds United defender Paul Reaney played with a heavily bandaged hand against Preston. A knife slipped in a kitchen accident necessitating eight stitches.

• Carlos Ortega of Blacktown will have his broken leg (fibula) in plaster for at least five weeks but speedy striker Jovan Djordjevic should be fit to resume

• Rafe Rasic, Blacktown: "Adelaide City were fantastic, they completely dominated the mid-field. Perin was the outstanding man of the game. Mitchell is also a rising star of the future. This heavy loss is a good lesson for my players."

• One of the Sydney morning daily papers' soccer writers was overheard saying he would make a complaint to the PSL about the antiquated "press facilities" at Pratten Park. The dirt on the window was two inches thick...

• Marconi's coach Raul Blanco: "They simply overpowered us in mid-field. People say we played badly, but I think it was a matter of Olympic playing far too well for us on the day."

• Olympic's Tommy Docherty: "We never let them get settled. Even in the opening spell when they looked good we were always snapping at their heels. They couldn't handle it and we went on. I think our midfield is definitely one of the best in the country."

• Peter Rampley's stopwatch needs a check: he cut the first half short by 14 seconds, the second half by 7 seconds at Lambert Park on Sunday.

• Leichhardt's Terry Butler is starting light training again, desperately hoping that his chronic groin injury — actually, a

"SHORT" ROUND NEXT WEEK

Round 10 of the Philips League may have only four, perhaps five matches. Two have already been played, having been brought forward.

Now one or two are likely to be postponed, because of the New Zealand v Australia World Cup match in Auckland the same weekend, April 25. The present rule is that a club may seek postponement if it has three or more players on

national team duty the same weekend. Sydney City, with Barnes, Boden and Kosmina (perhaps Watson) are certain to fall in this category.

Their match, against Blacktown, will be played later. South Melbourne could also qualify for a deferment: Blair, Rogers and Davidson are three Soccerroo candidates.

They were scheduled to play at West Adelaide.

• Newcastle's Joe Senkalski played in Shirt Number 18 against Preston — his regular No. 4 outfit disappeared from the dressing room the previous week against South Melbourne.

• A familiar figure missing from the Newcastle bench is stalwart defender John Sneddon. Sneddon, a local player from the famous West Wallsend club, has been with Newcastle since entry into PSL in 1978, but his non-selection to take a place in the defence following a Col

Curran's injury is said to have caused his premature retirement from the PSL scene.

• Brian Edgely, Preston: "It started off as one of those days and continued that way. We had been told the plane would leave Tullamarine at 8 am but actually it left at 7.30 am so we had to hang around until 10. Finally arrived at Pelican airport and reached the ground just before 1 pm. Hardly the right arrangement for an important match. We should have spent Saturday night in Newcastle to give the lads a chance to find their feet. The absence of speedy attackers Cullen and Brown upset our balance and we were a bit weak in our middle defence."

• Alf Stamp, Newcastle replacement forward: "I like to think I can go out and give some entertainment, but I don't feel that coaches have the same ideas.

SPIDER'S NET

With Allan Maher

The national team's first get-together was an eventful one, with the emphasis on physical fitness.

This was the itinerary in the Maroubra camp: Get up at 6.45 am, beachwork, gymnastics and callisthenics until 8.30 am, breakfast 9, tactical talk at 9.30, leave for training at 10, training till 12, lunch 1 pm, tactical talk 1.30 till 2, 2 to 4 rest, 4 prepare for the game, 5 leave for the training match, the match, 9 dinner, 10 bed...

It was very demanding both physically and psychologically and it was very notable that at the end of the week all players had given a 100 percent effort.

This week we are in camp again (Monday to Thursday), then early next week we fly to Auckland. Hats off to Gutendorf for inviting all of last week camp participants for another session so that he can have a look at all the players.

It would have been unfair on all the players concerned to be dropped after one weekend match, following such a demanding week's training.

Nice people these Sydney Olympic fans... After the match last week while my wife and children were waiting for me to shower, some guileless person pushed my son Adrian, aged 4, to the ground.

He was wearing a Marconi shirt. (My son, not the G.P.) "That's where your team belongs," the man said, pointing to the ground.

No wonder we can't get spectators to soccer — especially families. After all, who would like to spend his or her Sunday afternoon with that type of person.

We had a couple of interesting visitors to the training camp at Maroubra last week, notably Tommy Docherty and Leo Wilson.

The Doc is quite a character and the players found his lecture very interesting. Indeed, especially his philosophy on soccer.

Wilson is a FIFA refereeing lecturer. He means well and certainly knows his job but it's a shame some of our local referees don't interpret the rules the same way he does...

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Clarke

SYDNEY SLICKERS

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 6. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 12. Cant, 15. Muniz, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano. Coach: E. Thomson.

Sunday, 3pm
Sydney Athletic Field

Next week: Blacktown v Sydney City likely postponement.

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Sydney City v
Brisbane Lions 2-0
1978: Sydney City v
Brisbane Lions 1-3
1979: Sydney City v
Brisbane Lions 1-1
1980: Sydney City v
Brisbane Lions 1-1

BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Lindsay, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 14. Ogden, 17. Wright, 18. Konstantinou, 20. Lowndes. Coach: M. Carson.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc
Linesmen: T. Williams
R. Barton

Next week: Lions at home to Canberra.



Scanlan



Degney

MARCONI LEOPARDS

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 4. Henderson, 5. Prskalo, 6. Byrne, 9. Krncevic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharne, 12. Picioane, 13. Muir, 14. Housseini, 16. Tomasich, 17. Coluso, 20. Corry. Coach: R. Bianco.

Sunday, 3pm
Marconi Stadium

Next week: Footscray v Marconi likely postponement.

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Marconi v
Heidelberg 0-0
1978: Marconi v
Heidelberg 4-0
1979: Marconi v
Heidelberg 0-4
1980: Marconi v
Heidelberg 1-1

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

Likely squad: 1. Olver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendoorn, 6. Selemidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozidakis, 12. Yankos, 13. McGrory, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 17. Williams, 18. Monagle, 20. Reilly. Coach: J. Rooney.

REFEREE: P. Rampley
Linesmen: A. Owens,
A. Morrison

Next week: Heidelberg v Olympic likely postponement.



Selemidis



Rowden

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Housseini, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Arkudinoff, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: T. Docherty.

Sunday, 3pm
Pratten Park

Next week: Heidelberg v Olympic likely postponement.

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Olympic v West
Adelaide 0-1
1978: Olympic v West
Adelaide 2-4
1979: Olympic v West
Adelaide 2-0

ADELAIDE HAWKS

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 2. Tymaszczyn, 3. Pillans, 4. McGachey, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 7. Boyle, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 14. Flounders, 21. Hughes, 20. Miller, 25. Lopez. Coach: B. Birch.

REFEREE: T. Davies
Linesmen: P. Hafey
K. Tooke

Next week: West Adelaide at home to Sth. Melb.



Crook



Perry

BRISBANE GLADIATORS

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokes, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

Saturday, 3pm
Spencer Park

Next week: Brisbane City away to Newcastle

PAST RESULTS:

1980: Brisbane City v
Blacktown 1-2

BLACKTOWN DEMONS

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning, 12. Quarby, 13. Cuk, 15. Wallace, 18. Milosevic, 20. Freeman. Coach: R. Rasic.

REFEREE: D. Miles
Linesmen: A. Kibbler
G. Nicholson

Next week: Blacktown v Sydney City likely postponement.



Djordjevic



J. Nyskohus

ADELAIDE GIANTS

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melta, 14. Miller, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 22. Peressin. Coach: B. D'Ottavi.

Sunday, 2.30pm
Olympic Sports Field

Next week: Adelaide City away to Leichhardt

PAST RESULTS:

1978: Adelaide City v
Newcastle 1-1
1979: Adelaide City v
Newcastle 0-0
1980: Adelaide City v
Newcastle 1-3

NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 4. Senkalski, 5. Bertogna, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 13. Burrows, 14. Sneddon, 15. Curran, 16. Kamasz, 17. McClelland, 20. Gosling. Coach: A. Vest.

REFEREE: R. Kerr
Linesmen: G. Neal
T. Martell

Next week: Newcastle at home to Brisbane City



Reaney



Petrovski

PRESTON RAMS

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos. Coach: B. Edgeley.

Sunday, 3pm
Conner Reserve

Next week: Preston away to Wollongong

PAST RESULTS:

Preston and Leichhardt meeting for the first time.

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. Skellern, 3. McAusland, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 7. Soper, 8. Pirie, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Kafka, 11. O'Connor, 12. Harding, 13. Bradley, 14. Leyden, 15. McKie, 18. Gray, 20. Parks. Coach: W. Wallace.

REFEREE: S. Mellings
Linesmen: D. Voutsinas
D. Fokianos

Next week: Leichhardt at home to Adelaide City



Giampaolo



Massa

CANBERRA ARROWS

Likely squad: 1. Wilson, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 14. Massa, 15. Moutsopoulos, 16. Farrell, 21. Hozowski. Coach: G. Murray.

Monday, 3pm
Bruce Stadium

Next week: Canberra away to Lions

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Canberra v Footscray 0-1
1978: Canberra v Footscray 1-1
1979: Canberra v Footscray 0-3
1980: Canberra v Footscray 0-0

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakoulas, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Ilioski, 10. Vasic, 11. McLaughlin, 12. McIvor, 13. Petrou, 14. Belic, 15. Kakantonis, 16. Curovic, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne. Coach: C. Carkovic.

REFEREE: R. Mee
Linesmen: V. Celestino
P. Murphy

Next week: Footscray v Marconi likely postponement.



Belic



Laumets

MELBOURNE GUNNERS

Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 8. Christopoulos, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 12. Kalafatis, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigras. Coach: H. Margaritis.

Sunday, 3pm
Middle Park

Next week: Sth. Melb. away to West Adelaide

PAST RESULTS:

South Melbourne and Wollongong meeting for the first time

WOLLONGONG WOLVES

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vilestra, 13. McBreen, 14. Turner, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana. Coach: K. Morton.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge
Linesmen: J. Fearn
M. Gault

Next week: Wollongong at home to Preston



Adam



SCOREBOARD

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SYDNEY OLYMPIC v MARCONI 2-0 (0-0)

Sydney Olympic (4-4-2)

Moulis (3)	Ziras (5)	Wilson (4)	Wilson (4)	Palmer (4)
Cotton (4)	Raskopoulos (4)	Katholos (5)	Jennings (4)	Laing (3)
	Koussas (3)			
Jankovics (3)	Krnecic (3)	Sharne (3)		
Housseini (1)	Byrne (4)	Colusso (-)		
Prakalo (2)	Mariani (2)	Henderson (4)	Degney (2)	
	Maher (4)			

Marconi (4-3-3)

Replacement: Muir (30m) for Colusso.

Goals: 1-0 Katholos (72m), 2-0 Cotton (79m).

Referee: T. Boskovic — Crowd: 6,878 — Cautions: Henderson, Muir, Housseini, Ziras — Sent off: Housseini.

Love him or hate him, Tommy Docherty's insistence that Olympic play attacking football is a hit with the fans, as judged by the fact that close on 7,000 turned up at the 19th century Pratten Park.

Katholos gave some preview of things to come when, in the 4th minute, he sent a vicious dipping shot at Maher's goal, which the Soccer 'keeper did well to tip over.

Marconi began to move well and with Byrne's promptings they looked as if they were on the right track.

But nothing went right for Marconi in the penalty area: it seems that Jankovics has completely lost the knack of getting goals, while Krnecic rarely got himself

OVER-RUN

into even a scoring position.

Sharne at least showed some 'suss' and had a brace of shots that forced Wilson into action.

But in the 23rd both Jankovics and Krnecic combined to miff what proved to be Marconi's best chance of the match after a tricky Sharne run.

The miss seemed to signal the end of Marconi's threat and Olympic started to move swiftly and dangerously into attack.

In the 26th minute a quick Palmer-Jennings move resulted in Mairani deflecting the ball agonizingly close to his

own net.

A minute later Katholos sent one of many fine through balls to Koussas who turned well but shot inches wide.

Olympic were getting more and more on top.

The question was, would they become frustrated and start banging the ball wildly around, or would they continue with their simple attacks?

The latter proved to be the case as they stormed at Marconi in the second half.

But not even the in-form Maher could stop

the first goal.

An innocent looking challenge by Muir on Koussas was punished with a freekick dead in front on the edge of the area.

Cotton sprinted over the ball, ever so slightly causing the wall to move and Katholos smashed it home.

Seven minutes later it was all over.

Katholos again engineered a breakaway, fed the ball to Cotton who waltzed past one tackle, turned Degney inside out and then sliced his shot home from 20 metres.

Marconi weren't a patch on their former selves, with the only high note being the aggressive performance from Henderson.

— Paul James

NEWCASTLE v PRESTON 4-0 (1-0)

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Reaney (4)	Drinkwater (4)	Dando (5)	Bertogna (5)	Tredinnick (4)
McClelland (3)	Sumner (4)	Buckley (3)		
Kamasz (3)	Mountford (4)	Senkalski (4)		
Little (2)	McMillan (3)	Ollerton (3)		
Lucchesi (4)	Flavell (3)	Faulkner (3)		
Beech (3)	Petrovski (2)	Higham (3)	Rainey (3)	
	Clayton (3)			

Preston (4-3-3)

Replacements: Stoikes (52m) for Little, Jones (68m) for Drinkwater, Stamp (72m) for Kamasz.

Goals: 1-0 Mountford (3m), 2-0 Senkalski (51m), 3-0 Bertogna (64m), 4-0 Mountford (75m).

Referee: A. Rodway — Crowd: 4,278 — Cautions: McMillan, Flavell.

Goals galore at Newcastle — indeed a rare happening, but unfortunately before the smallest crowd of the season, a meagre 4,278.

It was a pity after the bumper crowd which had turned up for the Wollongong match, because in contrast this encounter was chockful of open, attacking play with stultifying defensive tactics thrown to the wind.

Preston can count themselves a trifle unfortunate to be on the wrong end of a 4-0 drubbing and to find Newcastle 'keeper Phil Dando showing top judgement throughout.

The Victorian visitors,

ROY OUT

without suspended Bob Cullen and Doug Brown, recovered from a shock reverse in the second minute when Bob Mountford headed his first PSL goal.

Preston attacked with vigour but stout defensive work coupled with Dando's brilliance saved the home side as play switched from end to end in exciting fashion.

But the horrors of Preston's disorganised flight plans from Melbourne had its effect in the second half against Newcastle's new found sense of goal ad-

venture. Senkalski and Bertogna steered in two more goals, before Mountford crashed another great header wide of new goalkeeper Gary Clayton.

Newcastle's joy was dampened when courageous skipper Roy Drinkwater was stretched off the field in the 68th minute.

He was rushed to Royal Newcastle Hospital suffering from a badly wrenched knee.

Typical of his tremendous will and loyalty, as he was being carried

from the field, he muttered through gritted teeth that he will be back training in mid-week.

But coach Alan Vest wasn't so confident after the match and must be in a quandary should the ever-present Drinkwater be sidelined for the important clash against Adelaide Giants next week.

Newcastle's win, however, was a complete team effort with teenager Howard Tredinnick laying a strong claim for inclusion in Australia's World Youth squad.

— Myles Hay

LEICHHARDT v STH.MELBOURNE 1-1 (0-0)

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

Skellern (4)	Wilson (4)	Woodhouse (3)	Pullen (3)	McAusland (2)
Hughes (2)	Leyden (2)	Kafka (3)		
O'Connor (4)	Morsello (4)	Giampaolo (3)		
Buljevic (3)	Evans (4)	Cummings (3)		
Shirra (3)	Rogers (4)	Stevenson (4)		
Davidson (3)	Lutton (3)	Blair (4)	V. Bannon (3)	
	Laumets (4)			

South Melbourne (4-3-3)

Replacements: Christopoulos (85m) for Lutton, Soper (77m) for Morsello.

Goals: 1-0 Lutton (o.g.), 1-1 Evans (75m).

Referee: P. Rampley — Crowd: 4,300 — Caution: Pullen.

Somehow, one expected a bit more from two such highly placed teams: more flair, more method and, above all, sharper finishing.

South Melbourne looked the better composed of the two in the first half, building their attacks according to a pattern with Leichhardt breaking out sporadically.

Four chances went begging, two at each goal. In the 8th minute Evans' job was cleared on the line by Wilson.

Kafka, unmolested in the goalmouth 17 minutes later, blasted an easy shot wide then Morsello's drive from 25 metres went past the post before Stevenson

JADED STARS

replied with yet another shot, from 12 metres, missing the target.

Perhaps the most absorbing duel on the field took place between Pullen and Evans.

The big Leichhardt sweeper was literally breathing down the neck of Evans, almost incessantly pushing, shoving and barging him off the ball.

It took the patient Rampley some 65 minutes to caution Pullen — five minutes before Evans got his own revenge with the equaliser, sweeping

home a Stevenson corner at the far post.

Leichhardt's goal was a fairly lucky affair, in the 49th minute.

Wilson's long pass found O'Connor on the right; he turned and with his left sent a sharp cross-cum-shot towards the far post.

Laumets had the ball covered but it deflected off Lutton's shoulder and flashed into the short corner off the post.

The last 15 minutes was fairly tedious: neither team took the slightest risk to sacrifice the point.

Once Morsello had to depart with a badly bruised wrist, the Leichhardt attack lost most of its aggression.

It was quite noticeable that the Socceroos, after their Commando-training during the week, were dead tired and listless.

Woodhouse made several simple handling mistakes while Giampaolo and Davidson were notches below their usual best.

Had it been a platform diving or gymnastic contest, the judges probably would have given the nod to South Melbourne, the more coherent and creative of the two teams.

— Andrew Detire

FOOTSCRAY v SYDNEY CITY 1-0 (0-0)

Footscray (1-4-3-2)

		Boland (5)	O'Reilly (4)	
Milne (4)	Kondarios (3)	Kyriakoulas (4)	Hazabent (3)	
Belic (4)	Ilioski (3)	Jovanovic (3)		
	Cozella (4)	Kakantonis (3)		
Kosmina (4)	Boden (3)	Watson (3)		
Barnes (4)	Muniz (3)	Patikas (4)		
Bruce (3)	O'Connor (3)	Spanos (3)	Souness (4)	
	Clarke (3)			

Sydney City (4-3-3)

Replacements: Gomez (50m) for O'Connor, Cant (74m) for Muniz, Petrou (80m) for Belic, Curovic (85m) for Kakantonis.

Goal: Belic (67m).

Referee: D. Voutsinas — Crowd: 500 — Cautions: O'Reilly, Hazabent, Belic, Kakantonis.

Footscray coach Cedo Cirkovic walked out of Schintler Reserve as lonely a figure as when he came in before the match.

"It would be silly to go to sleep because of the two points. The competition is very hard this year and we need players badly."

"With the side we've got we can beat anybody on our day but we can also lose to anybody quite easily."

The club is banking all its hopes of survival on the guest stint of former Yugoslav international and current captain of OFK Belgrade, Ilija Petkovic, who will be here within 10 days for a six-week stint.

Zdravko Lujic the club's star winger is also due back at the end of

the month to help in the struggle.

With them in the side Footscray's hopes may not seem so dim but one can't get away from the fact that half of this team would find it hard to get a regular game in the State League.

Realising his shortcomings, Cirkovic elected to pack his defence with a five man backline, and stifled the midfield with a further three players.

The side was content to rebuff Sydney City's powder puff attacks for most of the match and its scoring chances could be counted on the one hand and be left with some fingers to spare.

The all important goal also came at a strategic time less than 25 minutes from the end giving the Footscray players hopes of holding out against the increased pace for the relatively short period of time.

Vlatko Belic, given the important task of blotting out Murray Barnes left his duty long enough to score the goal getting onto the end of a Bruno Cozella cutback from the byline to hammer the ball into the net from close range.

The visitors could have shattered any delusions of an upset after 15 minutes when Joe Watson rose to meet

Steve O'Connor's cross and headed past Boland but his goal was disallowed apparently for offside.

Ken Boden, another player who was shadowed and kept quiet for most of the match, missed the best chance of the game breaking through with only the 'keeper to beat after receiving the ball from Agenor Muniz but his shot was blocked by Boland who had one of those unbeatable days.

In the first half John Kosmina, Ian Souness, and Jim Patikas all tested Boland but the longer the game went on the more confidence the local defence gained and the shock result became a real prospect after the goal.

— Paul Gales



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WEST ADELAIDE v WOLLONGONG 0-0

West Adelaide (4-3-3)

Marusic (4)	Tyszczyzyn (4)	Crooke (4)	Topaz (4)	Bozanic (4)
McGachey (2)	Boyle (3)	Honeyman (5)		
Wright (4)	Norris (3)	Brown (4)		
	Lathan (3)	Fontana (3)		
Adam (3)	Tredinnick (4)	McBreen (3)	Fleming (3)	
Ainsworth (4)	Dunleavy (4)	De Graaf (5)	Willis (4)	
	Vardareff (4)			

Wollongong (4-4-2)

Replacements: McKie (18m) for Boyle, Haig (48m) for Norris, Campbell (46m) for Fontana, Morton (69m) for Willis.
Referee: G. Neal — Crowd: 3,200 — Caution: Marusic.

If I didn't have a press-pass, I would race out to book a grandstand seat for West Adelaide's next home game against South Melbourne.

Like most others who saw this goalless draw, I can't wait to see Jimmy Wright play again after he became properly acclimatised.

The former Leeds United and St. Johnstone striker made a great debut against the Wolves as he unveiled his classic wing style to an appreciative crowd.

Wright is just the player Westad needs to lift them from the doldrums.

His influence on his new team-mates in this match was magical.

He managed to inspire Honeyman to produce his very best play of the

WRIGHT START

season and it was a pity that many of his adroit moves were not better read by some of the other players.

Wright's jinking runs, clever ball skills and accurate crosses deserved the fairytale finish of a goal or two.

But the Wolves denied the little Scot and his team any such privilege.

This was in fact the Wolves' fifth successive draw after their brilliant season opening of three straight wins.

Wolves can thank their splendid back four and goalie for maintaining a blank scoreline.

Vardareff and Willis played their first full PSL game of the season:

head a cross from Brown and suffered a head injury.

On the balance of play Westad did enough to deserve both points but Wolves could have sealed the result in the third minute when McBreen nodded a header against the far post from inside the box after an Ainsworth lob.

West assumed almost complete charge midway through the second half after Wright inspired their surge by rounding two defenders and crossing to Brown whose shot sailed wide.

It was full pressure attack then as Wright, Honeyman, Brown and Bozanic raided to earn chances for Marusic and McGachey.

— Allan Crisp

HEIDELBERG v CANBERRA 1-1 (0-0)

Heidelberg United (4-4-2)

		Oliver (3)		
McMillan (3)	Yzendoorn (4)	Provan (4)	Tansey (3)	
Rooney (3)	Selamidis (3)	Taylor (3)	Bozikas (3)	
	G. Cole (3)	J. Campbell (3)		
	Gibson (3)	McLaren (3)	Valeri (3)	
	Byrne (4)	R. O'Shea (4)	Stark (4)	
J. O'Shea (3)	D. Cole (3)	Farrell (3)	M. O'Shea (3)	
	Wilson (3)			

Canberra City (4-3-3)

Replacements: McGrory (55m) for Bozikas, Massa (64m) for Farrell.
Goals: 1-0 Taylor (58m), 1-1 J. O'Shea (67m).
Referee: E. Venios — Crowd: 3,812 — Caution: Valeri.

Heidelberg's smallest attendance this year was not much inspiration for a team which is struggling to find that form and consistency which seemed to flow naturally all last season.

Team changes and injury might have altered the flowing rhythm so evident for two seasons past, but a slow pace and a lack of cohesion show that confidence is flagging perceptibly.

It was Canberra who were using their players with more dash and vigour in the early part of the first half to their advantage.

The visitors looked unlucky when Oliver left his goal to face Gibson at the edge of the penalty

SLOW PACE

box and the byeline, when the ball looked certain to cross the goal line until Yzendoorn swept the ball away in that fateful second in the 4th minute.

Ten minutes later, Ian Gibson beat a tight off-side trap to land his lob right on the cross-bar.

At this stage, Heidelberg could well have been two goals down without a threat to the Canberra defence in reply.

Farrell worried McMillan no end, and a Gibson cross to Valeri for that player to head poorly on the half hour,

practically ended Canberra's dominance of the game.

Cole, needing better service than that provided, had to battle for everything and some of his work would have been more profitable with a close 'running mate.'

With Heidelberg lifting their game and putting some pressure on, the five minutes before half-time gave some promise and Canberra obligingly dropped back.

There appeared to be an air of laissez-faire about the whole manoeuvre, which had

produced no goals before the break.

A strong attack bore fruit when Taylor headed past Wilson at 58 minutes.

The next ten minutes were all Heidelberg, McGrory, Campbell and Cole all going close, before John O'Shea smashed the ball home with lots of strength and power at 67 minutes.

I would have preferred an extra half hour of Irishman Joe McGrory, as he has style, class and ball control and puts himself right where the attacking force needs him.

— Jock Stephen

BLACKTOWN v ADELAIDE CITY 1-5 (1-2)

Blacktown (4-3-3)

		James (4)		
Wheatley (3)	Milovanovic (3)	Pointer (3)	O'Donnell (2)	
Culina (3)	Selfridge (3)	Hormazabal (3)		
Burrows (4)	Cuk (3)	Wallace (2)		
	J. Nyskohus (4)	Mitchell (5)	Northcote (4)	
	Melta (4)	Marocchi (4)	Dods (4)	
B. Nyskohus (3)	Perin (5)	Jones (1)	Russell (4)	
	Marshall (3)			

Adelaide City (4-3-3)

Replacement: Milosevic (53m) for Wallace.
Goals: 0-1 Mitchell (4m), 1-1 Cuk (24m), 1-2 J. Nyskohus (30m), 1-3 Russell (60m), 1-4 Northcote (66m), 1-5 Mitchell (76m).
Referee: D. Rennie — Crowd: 2,384 — Cautions: Jones, Perin, Burrows — Sent off: Jones.

It didn't take long for Adelaide City to earn a goal for their enterprising start: in the 4th minute Mitchell slammed home a rebound after James had partially cleared a fierce Marocchi drive.

David Jones was cautioned a few minutes later for neatly catching a ball near his penalty box: this was to cost him dearly later on.

Blacktown kept on attacking, concentrating on high balls aimed at Peter Cuk's head.

In the 24th minute Wheatley's innocent looking lob did reach its target: Cuk's header from 14 metres sailed easily into an unguarded

THRILLER

net over the advancing Marshall.

The goal not only stirred Blacktown but also mobilised Adelaide City.

Sweeper Johnny Perin assumed the playmaker's role and organised many clever attacks.

One of these saw Perin square the ball to Northcote who crashed a shot at goal which was brilliantly diverted by John Nyskohus past the completely nonplussed James.

Adelaide City went forward usually with

quick breaks, creating many anxious moments for James and his defenders.

The second half saw Blacktown looking for the equaliser and they peppered the Adelaide City goal, especially Burrows who missed the net on several occasions.

In the 60th minute Russell powered his way through the defence to score an incredible goal: Milovanovic dived to block Russell's shot, the ball hit the ground and ricocheted wildly past

the stunned keeper.

With Perin dictating all the play Mitchell, Northcote, Melta and Marocchi were all in full cry and it looked as if they could nominate the minute when they decided to score again.

The choice fell on the 68th minute; with the defenders buzzing around Marocchi near the penalty box, he squared the ball and Northcote slammed it in from 15 metres.

Dods took a ball from his keeper, slipped it to Mitchell, who beat the offside trap and set off on a 40-metre run, eventually rounding the goalie for the fifth goal.

— Mike Mikolajczyk

BRISBANE LIONS v BRISBANE CITY 1-0 (1-0)

Brisbane Lions (4-3-3)

		Scanlan (4)		
Ontong (4)	Bennett (5)	Hermiston (4)	Niven (4)	
Hogg (3)	McLean (4)	Lindsay (3)		
Bryce (2)	Wright (3)	Millman (3)		
	Low (3)	Wilkinson (3)	Connor (3)	
	Hamilton (3)	Pimblett (4)	Gaffney (4)	
B. Wilkinson (3)	Ratcliffe (4)	Dunne (4)	Perry (4)	
	Coe (4)			

Brisbane City (4-3-3)

Replacements: Ferris (12m) for Bryce, Kelso (46m) for Low, McNaughton (68m) for McLean.
Goal: 1-0 Millman (26m).
Referee: K. Allen — Crowd: 3,250 — Cautions: Ratcliffe, P. Wilkinson, Niven.

The derby game lived up to its reputation, all players gave top effort but that unfortunately is not enough to give a good match.

Very often players trying too hard do not perform too well.

However, the game was always exciting mainly due to Brisbane City's non-stop attacking play.

Never once during the day did they miss an opportunity to go forward and perhaps it was this, and some bad luck, that was to cause their downfall.

By compacting the Lions midfielders back onto the already proven back four they indirectly caused a barrier of men to be built in front of their attack.

The Lions penalty area

EVEN TIE

at times resembled a pub brawl, with bodes flying everywhere in last ditch attempt to clear a ball, or conversely to knock it into the net.

However, Lions survived all this mayhem and were always dangerous in the classic counter-attack with young Wright and Millman chasing everything.

The game was highlighted by two duels that kept the purists happy.

Col Bennett has never handled an opponent better than he handled City's main threat Paul Wilkinson.

The big stopper met the immediate challenge

and long before the end had forced the centre forward to go wide in search of a gap.

In midfield McLean and Pimblett had a rare old fight for supremacy with neither gaining the upper hand but both supplying an almost endless stream of "good balls" to start yet another attack.

Unfortunately this joust was cut short by McLean's premature replacement.

The goal that won the points for Lions was a good "strike".

Lions won a corner on the right and Bennett outjumped Wilkinson to get a touch to the ball which fell for Millman.

who instantly rifled it goalwards through a ruck of players into the corner of the net.

A half chance converted was all that separated two teams and not one of the big crowd would venture a dollar on the outcome of the game were the two teams to meet tomorrow.

City are not far from being a good side, they are in the middle of change in style and have not yet mastered the art of striking from behind the front runners.

When they do it will be curtains for the unwary.

Lions on the other hand break down too often in their attacks and until this fault is remedied they will continue to win some and lose some.

— Jim Binnie

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



Traditionally, since 1957, the NSW season was introduced by the Ampol Cup. When that was over, the league season proper began. However, this year the Ampol Cup was telescoped into the NSW State League: on Wednesdays it was Cup matches, on the weekends premiership games, causing a fairly congested program for the clubs. Did they like this arrangement or would they prefer to revert back to the Ampol Cup first — premiership later arrangements? We asked the clubs.

ST. GEORGE



"The Ampol Cup has always been a pre-season tournament and although I can understand the reasons why it dragged on so long this year, I think it has to be planned so that it doesn't happen again," said St. George's Les Bordacs.

"I think the Ampol Cup lost a lot of its usefulness this season.

"It has been traditionally used as a breaking-in period by coaches to get new players into the line-up and also to prepare the team as a whole for the season.

"Match fitness has to be worked up to and the Ampol Cup has always been good for that.

"I also think the Ampol Cup's prestige took a bit of a dive, because the premiership overshadowed it and people hardly knew that the Cup was still going.

"Also it became hard for coaches to decide which tournament got priority — with team selections and so forth, especially if, like we did, a team advances to the later rounds," Les said.



Griffiths, St. George

MELITA

"The pre-season tournament should be kept intact and not interfere with the league," said Melita president Emmanuel said.

"The pre-season Ampol Cup has become one of the oldest competitions in Australian soccer and the clubs like to use it to prepare for the year ahead.

"I think it lost a lot of its usefulness this year and some clubs were glad to be knocked out — that isn't really fair to the sponsors, Ampol," he said.

"The present set-up saw the Cup mix-in with the league and as a result some teams must have suffered from playing twice a week so early in the year.

"The two competitions should be kept apart and that's why I advocate a return to the

usual set up next year," Emmanuel said.

MANLY



"The Ampol Cup has definitely lost some of its prestige by being mixed up with the State League competition proper," said Manly's Ron Beattie.

"The Ampol Cup has a tradition as being a pre-season event.

"It is used by coaches and players to work towards the season ahead.

"But this year there has been a muddle, not entirely the fault of the Federation.

"The Ampol Cup State League was moved forward a few weeks and then of course we had some weekends rained off — that didn't help.

"I think everyone looks on the Ampol Cup with interest to see how things will progress during the year. It's a guide to the season proper.

"Next year we must have the Ampol Cup back as an unadulterated pre-season event, which should be finished well before the premiership starts," Ron said.

AVALA



"Definitely we should return to having the Ampol Cup as a purely pre-season event," said Avala's coach Kaz Kulak.

"I think it is good as a build-up tournament.

"Coaches can see how fit their players are under match conditions, and can also spot weaknesses in their teams before the season proper gets under way," he said.

"This year the Ampol Cup lost a lot of its value by becoming entangled in the first rounds of the season.

"It made it harder for coaches to keep their players motivated for both competitions and it put undue strain on players who were still not 100 percent fit.

"Next year I would like to see the Ampol Cup used once again as a pre-season tournament.

"Then it would have some value," Kaz added.

AUBURN

"It is essential to regard the Ampol Cup as a pre-season competition which can be used to prepare the teams for the premiership," said Auburn's secretary Fred Parker.

"I think this year's competition was unfair to the sponsor — Ampol — because it 'got lost' in the premiership.

"Instead of being the prestigious event it usually is, it 'Got in peoples' way' and all it is now is an annoyance, with people wondering when it will finish.

"That isn't really fair to Ampol who have been magnificent to the code and provided us with one of the longest running — if not the longest running — competition in Australian soccer," Fred said.

"We are now some eight weeks into the season and the Cup is now only drawing to an end.

"Next year we have to make it a proper pre-season tournament to be fair to the sponsors, the players and the spectators," Fred said.

NORTH SYDNEY

"I most certainly feel that the Ampol Cup should be a pre-season tournament," said North Sydney coach Phil Botalico.

"And that means playing it before the competition properly starts.

"I think it is unfair to the players to force them to play twice a week during the early stages of the year like we have at present.

"We need to build up players' fitness, using pre-season tournaments and not burn them up by forcing them to play twice a week," Phil said.

"The Ampol Cup has always worked well as a pre-season event.

"It has been used by coaches as a settling in period for new buys and to get players over the holiday break.

"We lost that a little bit this year and some teams suffered as a result.

"Playing matches on Wednesday evenings didn't really affect attendances; if people know the match will be good they will go along, and if they feel it has no potential they won't," he said.

"We have seen how Croatia, Melita and St. George have been able to get good crowds.

"I don't think the fans minded so much, but I think it would be better to have a clear cut pre-season competition that doesn't run into the league and lose importance because of the premiership," Phil said.

CROATIA



"I think it's a lot better to keep the Ampol Cup as a pre-season tournament," said Croatia's Tony Topic.

"When you have the two competitions on top of each other it becomes very hard with training and it is also hard on the players so early in the year.

"The Ampol Cup is usually played by itself, on the weekends.

"The players then aren't in the position where they have to practically go to the ground from work and play competition soccer.

"That is what happened this year.

"It is also hard on the spectators.

"They are being asked to go and see matches twice a week, which is straining loyalties a bit far," Tony said.

"I think the Ampol Cup would be of more use as a warm up competition to get the teams ready for the season," he said.

MONARO



Arquero, Monaro

"The Ampol Cup should be kept as a pre-season tournament," said Inter Monaro's Joe Chiers.

"The present set up has involved plenty of midweek games.

"It may be a selfish point of view, but that involves some really hard problems to overcome, with our team arriving barely minutes before kick-off.

"Pre-season, weekend matches are what we wanted and what we have been used to," he said.

"And for us the Ampol Cup is vitally important to prepare the team for the season.

"As can be seen from our early results, the team was still fairly 'raw'.

"But now, we have all guns firing.

"If the Ampol Cup had been played as usual, maybe we would have more points," Joe said.

BANKSTOWN

"Personally I'd prefer to see the Ampol Cup spaced out through the year," said Bankstown's Jim Quinn.

"At present I think the idea of a pre-season tournament is not

working as we had hoped.

"It requires clubs to get players ready far too early in the year.

"They have to start training weeks before Christmas to get ready for the Ampol Cup.

"That's madness. What we need to be doing is make the soccer season concentrated.

"We shouldn't be dragging it out into a year-long affair," Jim said.

"A lot of teams don't even treat the Ampol Cup properly, as a true tournament.

"They use it for trial games, to see how various combinations will perform during the year.

"I think if it was played throughout the year it would attract more attention from the spectators and more interest from the clubs themselves," Jim said.

RIVERWOOD

"I think it would be much better to retain the Ampol Cup as a pre-season event," said Riverwood's secretary Eric Smith.

"I know our club wouldn't like to still be involved in the competition at this stage, with the premiership well under way.

"The Cup is used usually as a way of preparing the side for the rigors of the season.

"To merge the two together defeats the purpose and only succeeds in taking the gloss off the Cup.

"It must be hard to keep players' minds on one competition.

"If a team has a chance to do well in the Cup it would be hard to keep their minds on the League," he said.

"The Cup has to be returned to the pre-season to give it the greatest possible exposure," Eric said.

POLONIA



"The Ampol Cup must be a pre-season tournament," said Polonia's secretary John Kaniszewski.

"We can't have the present situation where the two competitions are back to back.

"People counter this by saying that many countries play Cup competitions during the season.

"I agree, but we are virtually playing two league competitions together, because of the set up of the Ampol Cup.

"That puts too much pressure on the teams too early in the year," John said.

He said the way things were run this year there was too much interference with preparations for the premiership.

"The Ampol Cup is a prestigious competition, but clubs want to get ready for the league first and foremost, and they have suffered because of the mixing," he said.

"It has been obvious from the results that some teams have been saving themselves in the first premiership rounds because they had a chance of doing well in the Ampol Cup.

"They could well rue the loss of those initial points at the end of the year," he said.



Garlowski, Polonia

CANTERBURY

"The Ampol Cup must be retained as a pre-season competition," a Canterbury spokesman said.

"There is no point in playing the Ampol Cup in the middle of the first rounds of the premiership.

"It is either a pre-season tournament or it isn't.

"If they want to mix the two — the Ampol Cup and the premiership — then they should space the Cup matches out, making it stretch further through the year.

"However, I feel that it would be better to keep it as a pre-season event.

"It is always good to have a competition encounter to see how a team is faring; trial matches mean very little and can often be misleading," he said.

"Next year the Ampol Cup should be right at the start of the year and finished before the first round of the competition property," he said.

PARRAMATTA

"I agree that the Ampol Cup stretched too far into the League, but I don't think it was a planned thing," said Parramatta's secretary John Kaniszewski.

"We had a couple of rained-off weekends and I also think that the season was brought forward to help with plans for the Youth championships later this year," Bob said.

"Actually, I think it might be an idea to re-organise the Ampol Cup and spread it out throughout the year, rather than concentrate it at the start.

"If they want to use it as a pre-season tournament then it should be that and not stretch into the first few rounds.

"But why not look at making it a competition that goes on throughout the year in parallel with the State League?" he asked.



Herron, Parramatta

SUTHERLAND

"We shouldn't be too hard on the Federation with regard to the organisation of this year's Ampol Cup," said Sutherland's coach John Watkiss.

"After all, we had a few rounds rained off and the season was also brought forward because of the Youth Championships in October.

"Next year, however, I would like to see the whole season shifted back a couple of weeks — make it start later.

"At present we need to start later, when it's not so hot and then finish the season before the peak of summer is on us.

"The Ampol Cup should be retained as a pre-season event, used to build up sides for the season," John said.

"The Ampol Cup is definitely a distraction for players this year.

"We are trying to do well in the League and the Cup.

"This is a critical stage of the competition and we have to keep getting points," John said.

"Otherwise the leaders may pull too far ahead of us.

"The two competitions shouldn't be mixed up, especially not so early in the year," he added.



Watkiss, Sutherland

Sharks could be eaten at seaside

The Polonia-Croatia clash looks the best match this week, with both teams striving to keep in the title race.

Polonia suffered their second heavy thrashing this season — following the loss to St. George — but are still riding high on the table by virtue of their wins.

Croatia are under some pressure at present.

They haven't been playing as fluidly as at the start of the year and have had to battle for their recent wins.

The loss in the Ampol Cup to Polonia will be a severe psychological handicap and should make this an interesting encounter.

We tip a Polonia win, 2-1.

Riverwood will be hoping to keep on picking up the points this week against Auburn.

They have managed to haul themselves up from the bottom to within striking range of the top four.

Things are looking good for the Riverwood camp, as they are

playing attractive stuff and scoring goals.

Auburn have lost a little of their early punch and must be hoping their young team can fire before too many points are frittered away.

We tip a Riverwood win, by a narrow margin: 2-1.

Norths entertain Melita this week — at Melita's new ground!

Norths are second to bottom and aren't playing to their capacity this year.

They have been lacking a good striking

formation and have been letting in silly goals in narrow defeats.

Melita are getting better each week — or they were, until they met Manly.

The result last week should bring them down to earth and Norths can expect a hard match.

We tip a Melita win 2-0.

Manly and Sutherland meet at Cromer in a district clash that could be of high quality.

Mick Jones' introduction as coach last week seemed to spur Manly to

new heights and they almost caused an upset when they pushed Melita all the way.

Sutherland caused the biggest surprise of the year when they downed Saints in the Cup, and they will be hoping for a good result here.

We see plenty of goals in a match Manly has the ability to win.

Manly in a 3-2 victory.

Avala and Parramatta play at Knight Park and the Magpies will be out to cash in on their good showing last week against Saints.

Avala should be too well drilled for them however, and we tip an Avala win 2-0.

The battle of the neighbours — Canterbury v Bankstown — should be entertaining.

Both teams found their scoring boots last week and this promises to be another high-scoring match.

Canterbury are still searching for the best combination while Bankstown are hoping their injured stars can return to lift the team to even greater heights.

We tip a high scoring draw, 2-2.

St. George entertain Monaro this week.

Saints had a horrible week during which they lost their Ampol Cup semi and were pressed by Parramatta.

Frank Arok will be hammering home the message to the players that they still have to keep playing and that the other teams won't just lie down and submit.

Inter Monaro are certain to give Saints a tough run.

But if the St. George machine rolls again we can't see Monaro getting much out of the match.

We tip a 3-0 win to Saints.

QANTAS SPONSOR

Qantas this week became the official carrier of the ASF.

In a joint announcement issued earlier this week the airline and the ASF made a reference to "sponsorship" without giving details.

Qantas will take the Australian team to all their overseas World Cup matches this year, starting next Monday when the Soccerroos fly to Auckland.

GOALIE DEAD

A keep-fit company director dropped dead on a football field as he kept goal for his company's soccer team in England.

Jack Hawkins, 34, the sports-loving managing director of a haulage firm, formed the team himself because he believed it encouraged a happy team spirit at work.

Hawkins, a father of two, was defending the goal as usual when his

team, the Darlington Charter Freight XI, played against the Oak Tree pub team at Middleton, near Darlington, Co Durham.

Eleven minutes after the game started he leaped to collect the ball and collided with an opponent.

He collapsed on the pitch, unconscious. He was immediately taken to hospital where he was found to be dead.

DUNLOP SPORTS FOOTWEAR

FIRST DIVISION

— By Charles Spiteri

Thanks to Brian Taylor, Kurling kept up the slender lead at the top of the table with a narrow win over Revesby who are still struggling to get going this season.

The Workers fought well in this tight game but Taylor made some brilliant saves to keep them out. Wollongong scored four times against North Bankstown for a rather easy victory and so did their neighbours Fairy Meadow who stroled to a 3-0 victory over Balmora.

Blacktown United signed Joe Ramisch from Canterbury-Marrickville midweek and in his debut for Blacktown Ramisch scored one and engineered the other two goals for their win over Penrith.

Warragah, in their first week under new coach Alan Ainslie did well to have a first-up win over Gladesville. The seashiders also signed Peter Killely from Sydney Slickers.

Kurling signed John McCranor from Auburn during the week and he played his part in their win over Revesby.

But the surprise of the round was perhaps the downfall of Bathurst at home against Yugal. Still struggling to find form, Yugal went to a 2-0 lead at half-time and despite an onslaught by Bathurst, they still hung on for a win.

Guildford, who started off so well, again fell to another defeat, this time against Sydney University.

Highlights of this week's games:

FAIRY MEADOW v BELMORA 3-0

Fairy Meadow continued to maintain the pressure on the leaders with yet another convincing win over Belmora.

Their first goal came halfway through the first half when Ron Kassel latched on an Alan Deveney corner and drove straight past the Belmora goalkeeper.

Coach Hugh Tinney scored the second when, from another corner, he headed it past the keeper. The third was scored by Steve Baker from a good buildup finishing it off with a placed drive.

Fairy Meadow: Beck, Pasquale, Southwell, Chilly, Tinney, Charneck, Deveney, Richardson, Baker, Kassel, Gardner. Coach: H. Tinney.

Belmora: Carlisle, Martin, Cruger, Outen, C. Palmer, Hawthorn, Bilinghurst, Murray, B. Palmer, Parkins, Kirwin. Coach: O. Klaus.

BLACKTOWN v PENRITH 3-0

Blacktown won the local "derby" rather convincingly but had to wait until the second half when all the goals were scored.

Appearing for Blacktown was winger Joe Ramisch after a long battle with Cant. M'ville for his transfer.

Ramisch opened the score soon after the resumption and a little later he crossed to Neil Taylor to make it 2-0.

The third goal came from the penalty spot by Crone after a foul when Joe Ramisch was brought down in the penalty area.

Blacktown: Evans, R. Ramisch, Ber, Aldridge, Murray, De Valle, Clarke (J. Ramisch) Thompson, Davidson, Taylor, Crone. Coach: D. Zeman.

WARRAGAH v GLADESVILLE 3-1

The signing during the week of Sydney Slickers' Peter Killely helped Warragah to a good victory over Gladesville.

Scott Beverley opened the score in the first half for Warragah. However, Killely put them further ahead soon after the break when he capitalised on a defensive mistake and ran through to score.

Alan Sturgess made it 3-0 when he headed home a rebound which came off the woodwork. Gladesville replied with a penalty 10 minutes from the end. Warragah: Ciment, Duncan, Friend, Collings, Ainslie, Sturgess, Morris, Evers, (Sandner), Walsh, Killely, Beverley. Coach: A. Ainslie.

Gladesville: Stark, Kaven, T. Johnstone, Kendall, Harrison, G. Johnstone, Woodford, Goldsworthy, McGrath, Nils, Naylor. Coach: J. Woodford.

REVESBY v KURLING 1-2

Kurling maintained their lead of the competition with a close win over Revesby.

Kevin Smith, who ended up in hospital in the game with a cut in the forehead, opened the score in the 4th minute.

However, Gordon Mackin equalised for Revesby to keep the Workers in the game.

Peter scored the winner 15 minutes in the second half to ensure a Kurling win.

Revesby: Pearce, Patterson, Saydek, Adams, Pittman, Gill(James), Larkins, (Musgrave), Harris, Mifford, Byles, Mackin. Coach: R. Harbour.

Kurling: Taylor, Haines, Gross, Jagger (Geekie), Robertson, Ross, Williamson, Sidey, Seach, McCranor, Smith (Carpenter). Coach: H. Noon.

UNI OF NSW v BATHURST 2-0

The students kept on the winning track with yet another victory, this time over Guildford.

They opened the score five minutes from half-time with a penalty and scored another goal 10 minutes after the interval.

The students also missed a second penalty later in the game. Uni of NSW: unavailable. Guildford: Duggan, Miller, Allen, Glass (Thomas), Hunter, McGlynn, Morrison, Moss, Slater, McTigue (Tait), Stewart. Coach: M. O'Neill.

WOLLONGONG v NTH BANKSTOWN 4-1

Two goals by Roberto Giraldo sent Wollongong to an easy win over Nth Bankstown.

Wollongong grabbed mid-field from the outset and never let Norths get close. They led 2-0 just before half-time but right on the whistle Ian Perry scored to reduce the lead.

However, Wollongong came back to score another two goals through Vuticovski and H. Sattin. Wollongong: Dzioviski, Traikovski, Talevski, Montecchi, R. Sattin, Vuticovski, M. Terziouovski, H. Sattin, P. Giraldo, R. Giraldo, Gardner. Coach: M. Johnson.

Nth Bankstown: I. Madden, Wright, Kymantas, Gallagher, C. Madden (Callinas), Wileman (J. Perry), Thompson, Muir, Celark, W. Perry, Boardman. Coach: D. Madden.

BATHURST v YUGAL 1-2

After topping Kurling last week, Bathurst seemed to have been complacent in taking on Yugal.

Yugal opened the score from a bad backpass and increased their lead just before half-time.

Bathurst hit back with a goal by Peter Hadley following a corner but that was the only slip by the well-drilled Yugal defence. Bathurst: Lovett, Bullock, Ashleford, G. Hadley, Woodruff, Tall, Waine, P. Hadley, Alexander, Fish, Dwyer. Coach: J. Judge. Yugal: Not available.

\$500 LOST

After 10 straight wins, how did St. George coach Frank Arok take the 4-2 loss to Sutherland?

On the final whistle, he jumped from his bench and rushed to congratulate Sutherland coach John Watkiss.

"Your team played very well and deserved to win," he told him sportingly.

Later, Arok admitted that his defence was "sub-standard" on the night.

"It will cost them plenty," he said in his usual quiet, hissing fashion.

"The players were on a \$500 bonus to win the Ampol Cup, without getting a penny for their earlier Cup wins.

"That was the deal and the players accepted it. Now they blew it."

NSW COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE

they saw three goals in three minutes.

Bankstown played sweet, simple, attacking stuff and with their young forward line at last showing some intelligent running they outpaced a surprisingly lame Polonia.

Despite being a man down Monaro came back at the 'death' to snatch a point from Canterbury in Queanbeyan.

Ross Brown had put the Berries into the lead, but one of the best goals ever seen at the Marco Polo ground by Ian Heywood made the half time score 1-1.

In the second half Canterbury threatened to run amok.

Brown and Petas scored to put their side 3-1 up.

With the expulsion of Aldo Charles, Monaro looked doomed.

But they showed great character to fight back, first through Heywood and then a Bobby Noble penalty in the last minute.

Sutherland and Avala's 0-0 draw satisfied both teams, as they both need the point after dropping too many of them recently.

PARRAMATTA v ST. GEORGE 0-2 (0-1)

PARRAMATTA: Furlow, McKenzie, Biglands, Bates, Fairclough, Cook (McCallister 75m), Brizuela (Roughley 55m), Roden, Mitchell, Herron, Strickland.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser, Duarte, Terry, McDonald, Rylands, Davies (Karacki 74m), Griffiths, Stone, Barton, Marton (Campbell 75m), Walker. Goals: 0-1 Marton (42m), 0-2 Duarte (72m).

MELITA v MANLY 2-1 (1-0)

MELITA: Greedy, McCoy, Daley, Campbell, Thompson, Stoddart, Berry, Farrugia, Gauci, Martinez, Parker (Verweris 80m).

MANLY: Dower, Geoghegan, Doyle, Kramer, Riley, K. Falconer, Chapman, P. Falconer, Reagan, Fox, Palamara. Goals: 1-0 Stoddart (17m), 1-1 Reagan (48m), 2-1 Gauci (51m). Referee: T. Seacey; crowd: 1,880.

INTER MONARO v CANTEBURY 3-3 (1-1)

MONARO: Caputo, Crawford, Charles (sent off), Noble, Santolin, Falzon, Arquero, Francis, Link, Valeri, Heywood.

CANTEBURY: El Zein, Karaspiros, Laws, Barton, G. Brown, Bestfield, Thompson, Williams, R. Brown, Bourke, Petas.

Goals: 0-1 R. Brown (15m), 1-1 Heywood (22m), 1-2 Petas (51m), 1-3 R. Brown (53m), 2-3 Heywood (62m), 3-3 Noble (pen. 90m). Referee: R. Mees; crowd: 1,157; caution: Charles; sent off: Charles.

BANKSTOWN v POLONIA 5-1 (1-0)

BANKSTOWN: Lachewicz, Rootsey, Usher, Amies, Greg Lynch, Rea (Finch 65m), Peck, Glen Lynch, Nocera, Farthing, Gilligan.

POLONIA: Kalinowski, Harris, Zounla, Maître, Garlowski, Budini, Wiszniewski, Jirsa (Noble 59m), Szobczyk, Galas, Leman-czyk.

Goals: 1-0 Gilligan (33m), 1-1 Garlowski (pen. 47m), 2-1 Gilligan (48m), 3-1 Farthing (48m), 4-1 Rea (74m), 5-1 Nocera (80m). Referee: H. Witschge; crowd: 722.

SAINTS TAKE RUDI TO TASK

St. George are upset over some of the statements of national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

In a TV interview, last Friday, Gutendorf said that three days earlier, in a training match, the Soccerroos had beaten St. George 7-1, the side having been a mixture of first and second team players.

"It's a pity that Rudi Gutendorf doesn't check his facts," St. George soccer president Les Bordacs said this week.

"From our senior squad, we had only four players on the field, Howard Hadley, Don Smith, David Skeen and Paul Kay.

"Three were from the second squad and the rest from our young third grade team.

"Surely he didn't think that we would field our first team 24 hours before our Ampol Cup match?"

Bordacs was also annoyed over Gutendorf's criticism that the Saints had refused to let the training match take place in the main stadium.

"Gutendorf must have seen that the ground was water-logged," he said.

"One day later two Ampol Cup matches had to be played on the pitch.

"What would Gutendorf have done if he were our manager — allow a soggy ground to be churned up for a training game or try to preserve it for the Cup matches?"

The ASF pays St. George about \$11,000 for the year for the use of their stadium and all facilities.

"They can train there any time, as many times as they like — even enjoying a preference over our own team," Bordacs said.

"But nobody can expect us to let the grass be torn out when the surface is under water."



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AMPOL CUP

SUTHERLAND v ST. GEORGE 4-2 (1-1)

The immovable object met the irresistible force and succumbed.

The astonishingly resilient, lightning fast and tactically well drilled Sutherland kids first contained, then frustrated and finally tore apart the invincible Saints.

To some extent, St. George can blame themselves for this unexpected debacle.

They started off well, in their usual fashion, one-time passing their way to the Sutherland goal. It was to be, once again, a merry ritual dance to a cricket score.

Then, Shock No.1. In the 24th minute the loosely constructed St. George offside trap failed to snap tight, Watkins dashed through and lobbed the hesitant goalie for 1-0.

Before and after this mishap, the Saints missed chances galore: Campbell, Kanacki and Marton were guilty of elementary errors in the goalmouth.

When the equaliser came, it was a fine individual effort: McDonald, advancing with the ball, realised that everybody expected a long ball from him to the far post: instead, he sliced the ball under the crossbar at the near post.

By now the Saints

should have been leading 4-1 or so — but they weren't.

And they weren't to be, either. Five minutes into the second half, with everybody predicting Sutherland's imminent collapse and surrender, fullbacks Terry and Griffiths inately interpassed in front of their goal: Tony Bush stole the ball and made it an easy 2-1.

From then on the Saints, forced to go after the equaliser, opened up, surging forward though by now, without much method and rhythm.

And while they were madly pressing — Sutherland struck. With a style reminiscent of the youthful, zealous Aston Villa, they staged some stunningly simple yet effective counter-punches.

In the 70th and 74th minutes Jimmy Webber, a \$1,000 Sydney City reject, pounced on two lethal crosses after such raids and swept his team to a 4-1 lead.

Walker's goal in the 90th minute was merely a band-aid on a severe wound: the Saints came down to earth with a thud and there could have been no worthier architects of their downfall than the incredibly well-organised, speedy and combatant Sutherland.

POLONIA v CROATIA 2-0 (0-0)

All throughout the first semifinal of the Cup, the Croatia fans yelled themselves hoarse encouraging Sutherland.

It seemed just too perfect to them not to meet the marauding Saints in the final.

But it was a final they were not destined to reach themselves.

The superbly composed Polonia, orchestrated by some of their highly polished, experienced new arrivals, always looked in command.

Their first task was to slow the game to suit their own pace and this they did with simple ball holding and accurate passing.

Croatia, like a lamb mesmerised by a slowly coiling cobra, made the mistake of abandoning their usual fast style and tried to outplay and outwit their opponents.

In this, they had to fail. Croatia, on this balmy evening, looked a very ordinary team without a playmaker.

The first half passed without too much excitement unless you can call the numbers game just that.

The fans were puzzled to see Polonia players wearing numbers like 25, 28 and 33 — it was Polish roulette, perhaps a throw-back to a bingo night.

But the numbers meant little: it was their skilful players who caught the eye.

In the 58th minute, Vidal grabbed and yanked back the speedy Lemanczyk just outside the box, an offence for which in many parts of the world expulsion is the immediate punishment.

Here referee Rennie decided not to issue even a caution, so the punishment had to be meted out by that big, rotund yet immaculately skilled stopped Galas

who slammed the flicked freekick into the roof of the net with fearsome force.

It was, undoubtedly, the most spectacular goal seen in Sydney this year.

Croatia, desperate by now, tried to go forward but failed to create any chances.

In the 73rd minute it was all over. Lemanczyk broke through in the middle and, on the run, whacked a mighty shot into the upper corner, only inches from the spot where that Galas thunderbolt had gone in earlier.

Polonia fully deserved their unexpected win; in goalkeeper Kalinowski, stopper Galas and mid-fielder Garlowski they have three players well above the State League standard.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesfor, Cashman, Donnelly, Dal Forno, Webber, Groome, Meades, A. Bush, Watkins, O. Bush.
ST. GEORGE: Fraser, McDonald, Rylands, Terry, Griffiths, Davies, Stone (Walker), Barton, Marton, Campbell (Duarte), Kanacki.

Goals: 1-0 Watkins (24m), 1-1 McDonald (41m), 2-1 T. Bush (50m), 3-1 Webber (70m), 4-1 Webber (74m).
Referee: T. Davies; **Crowd:** about 3,000; (double header).

POLONIA: Kalinowski, Zounis, Galas, Wisniewski, Sobczyk, Garlowski, Budini, Crothers, Jirsa, Lemanczyk, Maitress.

CROATIA: Watson, A. Kovacic, Sterry, M. Kovacic, Coleman, Vidal, Pagano, Juchniewicz, Montgomerly, Silva, Henman.
Goals: 1-0 Galas (56m), 2-0 Lemanczyk (73m).
Referee: D. Rennie.



AUSTRALIAN YOUTH LEAGUE

Leichhardt v Canberra, Syd. Ath. Fld. Sun., 12.45
Marconi v Bl'town City, Marconi Stad. Sun., 12.45
Syd. Olymp. v Newcastle, Pratten, Sun., 12.45
A.I.S. v W'gong, Bruce Stad. Mon., 12.45

Sydney City v Wollongong 2-0
A.I.S. v Leichhardt 3-1
Newcastle v Canberra 4-0
Olympic v Marconi 0-1



NSW FEDERATION SCHEDULE

DIVISION 2
Lane Cove v Liverpool Albion, Sun., Pottery Green; Baulkham Hills v Mt. Drutt Town, Sun., Tad Horwood Res.; Queens Park v Dee Why, Sun., Erskineville; Campbelltown City v Bonnyrigg, Sun., Lynwood Park; Riverstone Schofields v North Ryde, Sun., Schofields Park; Marrickville Rockdale v Gladesville Horneby, Sun., Mackay Park.

DIVISION 3
Kingsford v Wentworth Waratahs, Sun., Turruwul Park; Artamon Reserve; Sydney Uni v Padstow Park, Sun., University Oval 1; Eastern Creek v Paddington, Sun., Cawarra Park; Hurstville Zagreb v Bondi Marine, Sun., Ewart Park; Fairfield Kiev v West Ryde Rovers, Sat., Knight Park No. 4.

DIVISION 4
Eastwood v Canley Heights, Sun., Upper Eastwood Oval; Chelsea v Fairfield West, Sun., Moore Park No. 12; West St. George v Revesby Rovers, Mon., Ewart Park; West Holroyd v Nth. Rocks, Sat., West Guildford; Concordia v Ryde Dist., Sat., Marrickville Oval; Winston Hills v Maroubra Utd., Sun., Max Rud-dock Res.

DIVISION 5
Macquarie Uni v Emdorson Park, Sat., Macquarie Uni Oval; Haberfield B/D's v Camden, Sat., Beaman Park; Moorebank v Chullora, Sat., Hammondville Park; Auburn Juniors v Hawkesbury Dist., Sun., Progress Park; Glenquarie Utd. v Sydney Maccabi, Sun., Bensley Rd.; Green Valley v Pagewood, Sun., Blamfield Oval; Maccabi v Moorebank, Mon., Syd. Athletic Field.

DIVISION 6
Trasandinos Sports v Robins, Sun., Booralee Park No. 2; Blacktown Wands v Ranger Haiduk, Sun., Grantham H/School; Liverpool City v Liverpool Utd., Sun., E. Smith Res.; Colo Colo v Liverpool Rangers, Sat., Knight No. 5; St. George v Parramatta Utd. Sat., Booralee Park; Bankstown Sports v Blacktown Workers, Sun., Condell Park H/School.

Berries "robbed"

Canterbury have protested to the NSW Federation about the circumstances of their match against Monaro.

Manager Con Tsavellas said Monaro's equaliser came seven minutes into extra time — and there was little reason to go beyond the 90 minutes.

"We had a local referee at Queanbeyan and I can honestly say, even if it sounds like a cliché, that we were robbed."

"Next time we play there we'll pay the travel expenses of a neutral referee to Canberra."

NSW TABLES

NSW COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE

GRADE 1	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	7	—	—	36	3	14
Melita	6	—	1	24	5	12
Croatta	6	—	—	14	4	12
Monaro	3	2	2	11	11	8
Riverwd.	3	1	3	11	14	7
Polonia	3	1	3	8	14	7
Sutherland	2	2	2	4	5	6
Auburn	3	—	4	5	12	8
Avala	2	1	4	8	14	5
Canterbury	2	1	4	11	18	5
Bankst.	2	—	5	9	13	4
Manly	2	—	5	8	16	4
Nth. Syd.	1	—	5	7	12	2
P'matta	1	—	5	4	16	2

GRADE 2	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	7	—	—	30	1	14
Melita	5	—	2	18	9	10
Croatta	5	—	1	16	7	10
Riverwd.	4	2	1	10	8	10
Canterb.	4	1	2	16	7	9
Sutherland	3	2	1	12	7	8
N. Sydney	3	1	2	10	13	7
Bankst.	2	2	2	9	8	6
Polonia	2	1	4	5	11	5
Manly	1	1	5	8	9	3
Monaro	1	1	5	6	20	3
P'matta	1	1	4	3	18	3
Avala	1	—	6	4	17	2
Auburn	—	2	4	—	14	2

GRADE 3	W	D	L	F	A	P
Auburn	5	—	—	18	—	10
Manly	5	—	—	15	4	10
Melita	4	2	1	10	11	10
Riverwd.	3	1	2	15	10	7
Bankstwn	3	1	2	14	10	7
Polonia	3	1	2	10	7	7
Sutherland	3	1	1	7	7	7
St. George	3	—	4	12	9	8
Canterbury	2	1	3	10	14	5
Croatta	1	2	3	10	21	4
P'matta	1	—	5	4	19	2
Avala	—	1	5	3	19	1
N. Sydney	—	—	5	1	12	—

DIVISION 1 GRADE 1	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kuringal	5	1	1	8	3	11
Fry. Mdw.	4	1	1	16	8	9
Woll. Utd.	4	1	1	12	5	9
Blacktown	3	1	2	9	4	7
Yugai	3	1	2	10	10	7
Bathurst	3	1	3	11	13	7
Warrington	2	2	3	12	12	6
Guildford	2	2	2	5	5	6
Penrith	2	2	3	8	9	6
Uni NSW	2	1	3	8	9	5
Gladesvl.	1	2	3	6	4	4
Nth. Bank.	2	—	4	4	10	4
Belmore	—	4	2	3	10	4
Revesby	1	1	4	6	14	3

GRADE 2	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kuringal	6	1	—	15	2	13
Fry. Mdw.	4	1	—	19	4	10
Gladesvl.	4	2	—	9	3	10
Yugai	3	2	1	9	4	8
Blacktown	4	—	3	12	8	8
Woll. Utd.	4	—	3	13	15	8
Belmore	3	1	2	7	5	7
Revesby	3	—	3	9	8	6
Guildford	2	2	2	8	9	6
Penrith	3	1	4	8	11	5
Nth. Bank.	1	2	3	7	14	4
Warrington	—	3	4	5	10	3
Uni NSW	1	—	6	8	21	2
Bathurst	—	7	3	25	—	—

GRADE 3	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kuringal	7	—	—	24	7	14
Fry. Mdw.	6	—	—	17	4	12
Woll. Utd.	5	—	2	16	8	10
Guildford	4	1	1	10	5	8
Gladesvl.	3	2	1	11	8	8
Belmore	3	1	2	13	7	8
Revesby	3	—	3	8	8	5
Nth. Bank.	2	1	3	5	9	5
Penrith	1	3	2	5	9	5
Bathurst	2	—	5	11	11	4
Warrington	1	1	4	8	19	3
Yugai	1	—	5	12	17	2
Uni NSW	—	2	5	3	22	2
Blacktown	—	1	5	4	14	1

DIVISION 2 GRADE 1	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marrickvl.	1	1	—	4	2	3
Bonnyrigg	1	1	—	3	2	3
Dee Why	1	—	—	1	—	2
Liverpool	1	—	—	2	1	2
Mt. Drutt	1	—	—	1	—	2
Nth. Ryde	1	—	1	2	2	2
Baulk. Hls.	1	—	1	2	2	1
Riverside	1	—	1	1	1	1
Campbell	—	1	—	1	—	1
Lane Cove	—	1	—	1	—	1
Queens Pr	—	1	—	1	2	—
Gl'Homs.	—	2	1	4	—	—

GRADE 2	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bonnyrigg	2	—	—	5	1	4
Nth. Ryde	1	1	—	6	2	3
Mt. Drutt	1	—	—	3	—	2
Campb. Cy	1	—	—	3	1	2
M'ville	1	—	1	2	4	2
Liverp. Alb	1	—	—	—	—	1
Queens Pr	1	—	—	—	—	1
Gl'Homs.	1	1	2	5	1	—
Riverside	—	1	1	2	—	—
Baulk. Hl	—	1	—	1	3	—
Dee Why	—	1	—	1	3	—
Lane Cove	—	1	—	1	3	—

GRADE 3	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gl'Homs.	2	—	—	11	2	4
M'ville	2	—	—	5	—	4
Campb. C.	1	—	—	5	1	2
Liverp. Alb	1	—	—	5	3	2
Mt. Drutt	1	—	—	—	—	2
Bonnyrigg	1	—	1	4	7	2
Lane Cove	—	1	—	—	—	—
Baulk. Hls.	—	1	—	—	—	—
Queens Pr	—	1	3	5	—	—
Riverside	—	1	—	3	—	—
Dee Why	—	1	—	1	5	—
N. Ryde	—	2	1	8	—	—

DIVISION 3 GRADE 1	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kingsford	1	—	4	—	2	—
Padstow	1	—	4	—	2	—
Artamon	1	—	2	—	—	—
Wentworth	1	—	1	—	2	—
Bondi	1	—	4	3	2	—
W. Ryde	1	—	1	5	5	2
Hurstville	1	—	1	1	1	1
Paddington	1	1	2	3	1	—
Syd. Uni	—	1	—	1	—	—
Fairfield	—	1	—	2	—	—
Pt. Hack.	—	1	—	4	—	—
East. Crk.	—	1	—	4	—	—

DIVISION 3 GRADE 2	W	D	L	F	A	P
Paddington	1	1	—	4	2	3
Bondi	1	1	—	5	—	2
Kingsford	1	1	—	5	1	2
Fairfield	1	1	—	4	1	2
Wentworth	1	1	—	3	1	2
Padstow	1	1	—	1	—	2
Hurstville	1	—	1	1	1	1
East. Crk.	—	1	—	1	—	—
Syd. Uni	—	1	1	3	—	—
Artamon	—	1	1	4	—	—
Pt. Hack.	—	1	1	5	—	—
W. Ryde	—	2	1	8	—	—

DIVISION 4 GRADE 1	W	D	L	F	A	P
N. Rocks	2	—	—	5	2	4
Winst. Hls.	1	1	—	5	2	3
Chelsea	1	1	—	3	2	3
St. George	1	—	6	1	2	2
Concordia	1	—	2	2	2	2
Ryde	1	—	1	4	5	2
W. Holroyd	1	—	1	4	4	1
Fairfield	1	—	2	2	1	—
Eastwood	1	1	2	3	1	—
Revesby	1	1	4	6	1	—
Maroubra	—	1	2	4	—	—
Canley Ht.	—	1	1	8	—	—

GRADE 2						
Maroubra	1	1	—	2	1	3
Canby HI	1	—	—	4	1	2
Winst.Hls.	1	—	1	8	6	2
Eastwood	1	—	1	5	3	2
Fairld.W.	1	—	—	3	2	2
W.Holroyd	1	—	—	2	1	2
N.Rocky	1	—	1	2	2	2
Chelsea	1	—	1	5	7	2
Revesby	—	1	1	1	2	1
Concordia	—	1	1	—	1	1
Ryde	—	1	1	1	4	1
W.St.Geo.	—	—	1	1	4	—



2 TO 6

IN NSW FEDERATION

With Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna.

Liverpool Albion (2nd div.) 2-1 win was highlighted by a magnificent goal by Phil Tarrant from an indirect freekick against Queens Park. In a well contested match, Queens Park started strongly with the Liverpool keeper holding a good shot from Boyd McGregor. In the 22nd minute a corner by John Deveney was collected by Russell Chapman who turned and lobbed the ball over the Liverpool keeper for a 1-0 lead. Liverpool gradually took control with Brian De Cella levelling the score on the half hour, ghosting in behind the Parks defence to score with a fine header. Early in the second half Tarrant scored the winning goal and from that point Albion never looked in danger of losing.

In second grade Albion dominated for long periods, as did Queens Park but neither was able to turn their efforts into goals and the match ended in a goal-less draw. In third grade Albion raced to a 4-1 lead. Queens Park came back well to 4-3 before Albion scored right on the final whistle to give them a 5-3 win.

North Ryde (2nd div.) improved their team cohesion against Gladesville Hornaby for a 2-0 win. Brett Spice scored a simple goal from a cross for a 1-0 half time score. Midway through the second half Rick Shepherd scored for Ryde with a shot from outside the penalty area. Defender David Trott acquitted himself well as did another defender Steven Hanson in his first top grade match. Third grade, though going down to Hornaby, played a much more determined game with centre half Kevin Stirling playing well.

Blacktown Wanderers (8th div.) took some time to settle against Bankstown Sports, being 0-2 down early in the first half. Then a cross from Chris Bunner converted by George Cierke lifted the Wanderers who scored again before half time to equalise with a goal from Mick Gilisic. Blacktown scored again when John Micalless got a goal and so did Mick Gilisic again for Wanderers for their 4-2 win. Unfortunately midfielder Graham Brown will be out for several months with a fractured ankle.

Merrickville (2nd div.) have gained three points from a possible four.

In their round 1 match against North Ryde, Carlos Marizans and George Krezler were instrumental in the two goals scored by Paul Deegan in the 2-0 win. Defenders Kire Velovski, Aljanis Jane and centre-forward Ian McClelland performed well. Round 2 gave them their third point in a 2-2 draw with Bankham Hills.

Maccabi (5th div.) missed many scoring chances in the scoreless first half against Pagewood. Then in the 75th minute a great goal from 18 metres by Peter Nadel put Maccabi in the lead. One minute later, though, Pagewood equalised, capitalising on a bad Maccabi clearance in which the goalkeeper received a dislocated finger. Replacement, Peter Nadel equipped himself very well with several good saves. With three minutes to go a through ball from Gary Weiss allowed young substitute Kevin Lowy to score in his first game in top grade for a 2-1 win to Maccabi. This coming weekend fixtures will really test the Maccabi squad with now eight regulars out injured.

Bankham Hills (2nd div.) played a 2-2 draw with Merrickville-Rockdale. The home side was slow to start and the defence was kept under constant pressure, but it was the Hills who were first to score when David Rogers cleverly lofted the ball over the goalie into the net in the 38th minute. The visitors again attacked from the onset of the second half and were rewarded with two good goals. Bankham Hills fought back well and in the 78th minute Jim Huie scored a great goal; with determination he beat the defenders, drawing the keeper out putting the ball into the net from an acute angle to equalise.

Bonnyrigg Eagles (2nd div.) took five out of a possible six points last weekend from Riverstone-Schofield. In the first grade match Bonnyrigg scored early with a goal from Ashor Hemiz. But Riverstone equalised in the 35th minute and Bonnyrigg missed a chance to go ahead with a disallowed goal. Again the Eagles missed another chance, sending a penalty shot wide early in the second half.

LETTERS

Congratulations on the brilliant article "From the Press Box."

Week by week you are portraying exactly my feelings about the "mess" soccer finds itself in this country.

It was only last night I received my local referee appointments for the coming Saturday from the president.

I asked him if he had seen the incident involving Paul Reaney's penalty against South Melbourne on Philips Top Soccer.

His reply was he didn't have time to watch the program because he had a referees meeting at 7.30pm (a mere ten minutes from his residence) on Wednesday night.

I was going to ask why the meetings couldn't be held at 8pm to allow people to view the program. This, I felt, would have been a waste of breath.

The tragedy remains with the tens of thousands of people like this gentleman, totally uninvolved and uncommitted to senior football in this country.

A Referee (name withheld)

I am writing this letter because I am very concerned about the state of Australian soccer.

As a former leading first division player in Queensland and a former senior State selector, I feel that I have as much right as the numerous "peanuts" (such as a Sydney journalist) to voice my opinion about the game.

Since I have been living in Adelaide, I have not missed one PSL match (featuring both West Adelaide and Adelaide City, in three seasons).

I am totally mystified

by the selection of the Australian national team. I grant you that Rudi Gutendorf may be a "character" but what he is doing to national selection is nothing short of tragic.

He is slowly killing the game for young kids in Adelaide. They need local heroes to look up to, to try and emulate.

One final point concerning the disastrous tour by the Socceroos last November.

Why don't the ASF plan well ahead games against teams like Turkey, Cyprus, Malta, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Finland and Norway.

These international teams have the advantage of regularly playing Europe's best, yet Australia should beat every one of them.

We have a defeatist attitude about our national team. This mainly stems from European coaches, such as Rudi Gutendorf, who have too much respect for the opposition.

Take Mexico: The Socceroos should have slaughtered them.

Remember Dinamo Zagreb? When they defeated the Socceroos in the snow in Zagreb, Gutendorf stated that our standard was miles below theirs.

What happened in the matches held HERE earlier this year?

It is high time that the ASF appointed a man to coach the Socceroos who understands what Australian soccer is all about.

Mike Cloherty
Meadbury, SA

Newcastle's "No"

The Northern NSW Soccer Federation will lodge a stiff appeal at the ASF over the change of schedule in the World Youth Cup in October.

Originally, Newcastle's sole match was to be the England v Argentina clash on October 6, Tuesday.

Now that game has been re-scheduled for Sydney on October 5 while the same day Australia will play Cameroon in Newcastle.

In a way it's strange that Newcastle should protest at all: they are getting one of Australia's matches.

All over the world the home team is the major attraction — but perhaps not in Newcastle.

The ASF has also announced the exact kick-off times of the matches.

On most days, fans will be able to see a match at a stadium then hurry back home and see another — maybe even two — on TV.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

State League

	1	2	3
Croatia v Auburn	2-0	5-0	0-6
R'Wood v N.Syd.	3-2	2-2	3-1
Melita v Manly	2-1	2-1	2-4
S'tand v Avala	0-0	2-0	1-0
Bankstown v Polonia	5-1	1-0	3-1
P'matta v St.Geo.	0-2	0-4	0-2
Monaro v Canb'ry	3-3	2-2	—

Division 1

Fry.Mdw. v Belmore	3-0	0-1	1-0
Bl'twn v Penrith	3-0	3-0	0-0
Bahurst v Yugal	1-2	0-1	6-0
Revesby v Kuring	1-2	1-3	2-5
W'gong v N.Banks	4-1	3-2	2-0
Warr. v Gl'ville	3-1	0-2	1-2
Uni NSW v G'ford	2-0	0-3	0-0

Division 2

Mt.Dru. v Lane Cove	1-0	3-0	—
Dee Why v Campb.	1-0	1-3	1-5
Baulk.His. v M'yle	2-2	0-2	0-1
L'pool A.v Qu.Prk.	2-1	0-0	5-3
Bonnyr. v R'stone	1-1	2-1	3-0
N.Ryde v Gl'ville	2-0	2-2	1-4

Division 3

Pt.Hack. v Kingsf.	0-4	1-5	—
Artamonv F'ld.	2-0	1-4	—
Bondi v W.Ryde	4-3	5-0	—

HAS THE KAPITANOVIC LEFT THE LEAKING SHIP ?

Last Sunday the Croatia players observed a minute's silence in honor of their coach Domagoj Kapitanovic.

No, he hasn't died — only, according to some players, was sacked following the Ampol Cup disaster against Polonia.

The Croatia club denies the sacking but admits that Kapitanovic was "suspended for one week and fined \$500."

Uni's feat in Hawaii

The Sydney University soccer team returned to Australia last week after outstanding performances in the Royal Hawaiian World Soccer Crown.

This was the inaugural year of this international competition for amateur University and College teams from around the world.

The competition featured four from mainland USA, seven from Canada, two from West Germany, three from Hawaii, one from Taiwan and one from Australia.

Sydney University surprised all by beating Glengarry (Canada) 2-0, London Hungarians (Canada) 2-0, and Renegades (a team of Canadian Indians) 1-0 in their opening games.

The semifinals saw Bank of Taipei (Taiwan) drawn against International University San Diego and Santa Cruz (USA) against Sydney University.

The San Diego side lacked nothing. They are sponsored by a Saudi Arabian Prince who arrived for the tournament in his own Lear jet.

Bank of Taipei, containing ten Taiwan national side members managed to defeat San Diego after extra time in a five shot each penalty "shoot out".

Sydney University, by this time calling themselves the Aussie Battlers beat Santa Cruz 3-1 in their semifinal.

The thought of struggling to finance their trip to compete against millionaire sponsored sides, the thought of playing at the 50,000 seat Aloha Stadium on Astro-Turf and the thought of a Sydney third division side playing a semi-professional side containing 10 members of the Taiwan national side excited rather than awed the "Aussie Battlers."

The Sydney University with very tight and physical marking on a wind-swept stadium led 1-0 with two minutes to go.

Taipei scored a "soft" goal. Extra time ensued with the Sydney side running out of reserves as injuries took their toll.

Taipei scored three minutes from the whistle. Defeated but a valiant effort from a team of triers.

Jeff Goldstein, the player-coach was top goal scorer for Sydney Uni with three goals in the tournament and his coaching effort with meagre resources was outstanding.

It was a superbly run and organised tournament and offers amateur teams a "joust" in international company, something not available to individual clubs till now.

The cost of the tournament allows teams desiring an end of season trip a marvellous holiday resort with a meaningful international competition thrown in, at a price equal to a normal package tour of Hawaii.

ANYTHING...

Marconi will try almost anything to get out of the doldrums.

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Secretary Tony Topic says this came about because the coach didn't use certain players in the Ampol Cup semifinal.

To add an extra twist to an already twisted story, Topic once played in Velez Mostar where the coach was — Kapitanovic.

"His place last Sunday was taken over by Maurice Sullivan, his assistant, but only for a week," Topic said.

"Kapitanovic will be back for the weekend."

Other sources seriously doubt this.

"He was sacked alright," a player told us on the phone.

"He was accused of not having used certain substitutes against Polonia and a row developed."

"Our captain, M. Kovacic, even wore a mock black armband for Sunday's game."

Croatia claims the coach is still in charge and the \$500 "may never be paid."

Others close to the club suggest that negotiations have already started with his successor who could be Jim Adam.

So is this the case when the sinking ship abandons its Kapitano- vic...?

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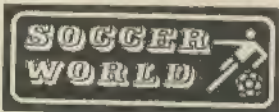
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FROM THE PRESS BOX

Let me start with an excerpt from a recent club journal editorial.

For many years, the soccer fraternity have been criticising the "ethnic names" of our soccer clubs. The English speaking soccer sections always want to sway towards the district names. The Phillips League went American and came up with such ridiculous names as, Marconi Leopards, Preston Rams, Canberra Arrows, etc. When the NSW Soccer Federation was formed, we had Hakoah, Pan Hellenic etc. and soccer crowds were crowds. APIA versus Pan Hellenic, or Prague versus Hakoah, nothing short of 12,000 spectators. At the same time, two district clubs, Auburn versus Gladesville, 350 spectators... Now in 1981, we have the district names game. Manly versus Bankstown — crowd 485. Auburn versus St. George, 302. North Sydney versus Inter Monaro, 148. Avala versus Croatia, 1,742. Croatia versus Melita, 8,842 and Croatia versus Manly 3,648... Last Sunday we witnessed an exciting Croatian crowd, and we all know how excited they can get. Look at the lovely dollars they bring through the gate. Look at the atmosphere they bring to the game. It's better to see someone coming through the gate with a flag or banner, than someone carrying a blanket. When you see a person carrying a blanket you get the impression that they are coming in for a sleep. Keep the "ethnic names" in our soccer, it's only way of getting spectators to our games. It also enables our Australian district clubs to pay their bills from the "ethnic" gate takings.

Let's not prolong the suspense: this appeared in the Manly club's program. If a Yugosl, Croatia, Avala, Polonia or Melita holds such heretical views, the Establishment can shrug it off. But Manly? A genuine, sincere yet struggling district club? Advocating not only an "ethnic names" policy but openly admitting that their livelihood depends on it?

REALISM

One should be shocked. But one is not. In fact, one feels like applauding Manly for their honesty and realism. Mind you, Manly aren't alone in this: the NSW Federation, at least in recent years, has never pursued a policy of de-ethnicising club names. They know perfectly well from where their bread and butter is coming from; they refuse to genuflect to a disinterested, probably non-existent majority. But the PSL is a different story. There, for the time being anyway, the pretense goes on. There they really believe — or appear to believe — that it's the unacceptable names which keep the tens of thousands of Aussie fans from breaking down the gates and packing our stadiums. How awfully sad it is. Smart, educated men believe not what they see but what they would like to see. Top executives, business tycoons, leaders of our success-oriented society kow-towing to what they feel is press and public pressure and closing their eyes to reality. Recently one such distinguished leader tried to convince me of the correctness of this policy. "It will take time," he said, "and may not even happen in our lifetime. But it will happen." Well, I've got news for him: I am mainly interested in my own lifetime, selfish as it sounds. With any other lifetime, I take my chances. I'm not unduly worried about the fate of Australian soccer in 2115; let that be somebody else's problem. I would like to see a re-creation of the boom of the 1960s now and not in half a century from now by which time soccer may be played by computers unless we manage to completely destroy the globe with one big bang. The responsibility of any soccer leadership is to cater for the present needs and, based on that, plan ahead. But to be told that the present doesn't matter is simply idiotic: in any decent South American country such an Establishment would be swept from office and shot, with the jury bringing in a not guilty verdict. Don't get me wrong: I am not advocating that in the PSL we should bring back all the old ethnic names. What I do say is that it should be left to the clubs and nobody else. If the clubs want an APIA, Hellas or Hakoah, so be it. It's their club, their investment and their risk. But it's wrong and almost dishonest for kibitzers who stand to lose nothing, to decide these issues.

WHY BOTHER?

I know, I know, I know: the old argument is "what will the Australian public say?" Also: how will the metropolitan newspapers, TV and radio react to ethnic names?

The Australian public doesn't care one iota, one way or another.

If it did, our Parramattas, Auburns, Manlys and others wouldn't be playing in front of empty terraces. With their "pure" district names, to boot. Well, then, perhaps the Press?

The metropolitan newspapers usually do preach against ethnic names — but their power of getting crowds to soccer are close to zero.

Don't forget: these are daily newspapers where soccer plays a very minor part. So minor that often they can do without it.

If they can influence people in their habits, why do we have a couple of hundred spectators at so many State League matches?

Surely, with a combined circulation of over 1,000,000 they could produce more than perhaps 8,000 spectators at State League games — of which some 6,000 watch the big "ethnic clubs" anyway.

And if they can't produce more crowd support — does it matter whether they like ethnic names or not?

Does soccer have to try to win the approval of a Press and TV and public at large which don't really give a damn about it?

FREE CHOICE

The ludicrous situation is that we now have a Leichhardt Strikers — supported almost exclusively by Italians — a South Melbourne Gunners — followed exclusively by Greeks — a Footscray Rams — loved only by a handful of Yugoslavs — and so on.

The PSL knows this; Arthur George knows this and the Press knows it, too.

We would make their life more bearable if they were allowed to go under the name of APIA and Hellas and JUST — but that's a no-no: Let them suffer.

And suffer they will because they are forced to tell their own ethnic supporters that they are not supposed to be ethnic at all...

Not until the ASF proves to me will I believe that they are infallible in this matter; for every argument 10 counter-arguments can be advanced.

I believe in free choice: let clubs themselves decide what names they want, not an authority whose judgement could be faulty or heavily influenced by non-soccer considerations.

BIG MARKET

In the last couple of seasons crowds have been slipping right across the board — despite these name changes.

Would it offend the ASF or the public if Hakoah had 4,000 spectators instead of Sydney City having 1,200, if Adelaide Juventus drew a crowd of 8,000 instead of Adelaide Giants settling for 3,000?

And would it really chase away many super-sensitive Aussie soccer fans from our grounds?

Some one third of Australia's population is now either foreign-born or sons and daughters of migrants.

Isn't THAT a big enough market to cultivate and develop?

In our lifetime, that is. Because I am not sure whether there is any soccer in the hereafter, no matter how tantalising the prospects may be.

— Andrew Dettre

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How and where we lose our soccer kids

It was with great interest that I read Hans Bangerter's article entitled 'Football needs new priorities' in UEFA Bulletin No. 93.

The UEFA General Secretary writes about European football in particular, but his comments could just as well be applied to the game on a world level.

With the exception of Brazil and Argentina, neither South America nor any other continent has ever managed to attain a standard of football comparable to that in Europe.

The achievements of countries like Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Zaire, Ghana, Chile, North Korea or Mexico were all little more than isolated flashes in the pan.

So let's speak just of Europe. I agree with the view that European football is facing a crisis.

It is a crisis which did not start just yesterday or the day before.

For some years now, the beautiful and attractive game of football has turned into a business, and has been pushed back on the defensive.

And for years there has been a gradual decline in spectators — even in Britain and Italy, where the trend has begun to be apparent in the past few years.

Often we hear the proud claim that Australia has some 450,000 juniors playing soccer. What we don't know is how many of them are soccer players? Or, more seriously, how many will stay in the game and reach an acceptable standard? But we are not alone in this boat: other countries also worry about the decreasing appeal of soccer to youngsters. In the USA, for example, they are dividing soccer into a competitive and a recreational activity: one for real, the other one for fun. West Germany is following the same pattern.

This article was written by DR. SANDOR BARCS in the official UEFA Bulletin, published in Bern, Switzerland. Dr. Barcs is a former president of Hungary's FA and also former head of UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) and is one of the most brilliant soccer brains around. Because of its relevance to Australian conditions and problems, we republish his article with due thanks to the UEFA Bulletin.

Until then, every spare bit of ground had been teeming with kids chasing their own makeshift footballs, rubber balls or tennis balls — or sometimes, when they had more room to play, they even had a real football to kick about.

Every street or square had its own team or teams who played against each other regularly.

And the schools all had teams for each class. If a teenager was skilful enough, he could join a club at 13 or 14;

turn brings down standards.

If a boy is prepared to kick a ball about in any conditions, even with bare feet, he is bound to acquire better skills and reflexes than others who only play casually from time to time.

When the lad joins a club, his coach may be a genius as a teacher but will still not be able to teach him everything except perhaps make him a little stronger physically.

And that is part of the transformation of football from being a beautiful sport to being just a drab trade.

I appointed two sets of college students as investigators.

One interviewed 93 former footballers, including many former world stars and men who had played in the Hungarian First Division.

The other group visited playgrounds, clubs and schools to ask a total of 224 youngsters and coaches a number of questions, dividing the answers according to whether those questioned were affiliated to a club or not.

The questions aimed at finding out how much time they spent playing football each day between the ages of 10 and 16.

Of course the answers could not be absolutely precise, but our aim was rather to establish if there was a distinct trend — and there was.

The first group of former players said the average was about three hours a day, while the second group of modern-day youngsters was far less: 30 minutes a day for those affiliated to clubs and 8 minutes for those not members of a club.

So let me just put the question: which is more likely to make an efficient pupil — three hours of practice a day, or 30 minutes?

I myself, as a child and later as a non-professional player, spent hours on the terraces — and what a lot I learnt as a result.

And hardly any of the spectators I met then had not been a player himself at some time or other.

One may conclude that few youngsters are going to matches as spectators today because fewer are active as players; so the game is not only losing its beauty, it is also losing its supporters.



Soccer: Sport for some, recreation for others?

There are no doubt many reasons for the decline, and Hans Bangerter has mentioned a good many of them.

But I see the root of the evil in the dwindling power of attraction that football has on the schoolboys of today.

Admittedly, this is not so marked in some countries as in others; in Austria and Hungary, for example, it is much more pronounced than it is in England or the Federal Republic of Germany, and this is thanks to the work done by the schoolboys' football bodies in these two countries.

With regard to Hungary, I have been concerned about this trend since 1963, when the press first warned that there were fewer children than ever before seen playing football in parks, streets and squares.

when I was 13 myself, I played every week for a street team, a school team and a club team.

The experts and the press put this decline in spontaneous football down to the scarcity of outdoor playgrounds.

But it has become noticeable that the people playing improvised football are the paunchy, balding older men while the youngsters prefer to sit around listening to music.

So the trouble must lie deeper. And travels throughout Europe have revealed it to be not just a Hungarian or central European problem, but a general one.

In the mid-1960s I started an investigation. Because of the deserted playgrounds, I came to the conclusion that the lack of spontaneity has led to adolescents spending less time practising with the ball, which in